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Anger at Cook leak of NHS reform plans

Labour bid to upset White Paper launch

● A late draft of the White Paper on the National Health Service has been leaked to the Labour Party

● Another Whitehall molehunt seems inescapable after the Prime Minister's past condemnation of such disclosures.

● Labour claimed that the draft showed that ministers were planning to privatize NHS hospitals

● Mr Clarke denounced the Opposition's scare-mongering and said its claims were old hat

By Nicholas Wood and Jill Sherman

Labour yesterday embarrassed the Government over its plans for the reform of the health service by releasing details of what was privately accepted as an authoritative leak of the White Paper due to be published on Tuesday.

Another Whitehall leak inquiry — the sixth in less than 12 months — seems likely to be launched, although government sources said they would first need to know more details of the disclosures by Mr Robin Cook, the chief Opposition spokesman on health.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, also tried to play down the significance of Mr Cook's move — aimed at derailing his plans for a £1 million launch of the White Paper, but there was no mistaking the irritation in official circles at the premature disclosure.

At a packed Westminster press conference, Mr Cook quoted extensively from a document, running to 13 chapters and amounting to 40 or 50 printed pages according to his estimate, which he indicated was a late draft of the final article.

He refused to release it to reporters because, he said, he wanted to protect his sources.

Mr Cook said: "Every hospital is to have its own company board, every health authority becomes a holding company, every treatment has to be priced, bargained and audited.

"The health service is being sized up for privatization. This White Paper marks the beginning of the end for the NHS. If the Conservatives get back then they will embark on the final stage of selling off those hospitals that they have prepared for privatization."

According to Labour's account of the White Paper, the main changes planned after the 12-month review of the service chaired by the Prime Minister are:

- A phased transition to "self governing" status for up to 320 hospitals — those with more than 250 beds — as they opt out of health authority control. They would be free to dispose of assets and build up and retain surpluses.
- Group practices of family doctors with 11,000 patients and above to be offered "practice budgets" with which they would buy services for their patients from health authorities or self-governing hospitals.
- The possible extension of the practice budget scheme to smaller GP practices in the light of experience.
- Family doctors in the group practice scheme to be allowed to keep half of any surplus they generate.
- Any overspending by a group of doctors in such a scheme to be taken out of their budget for the following year.
- A separate "indicative budget for prescription costs" for all GPs with penalties for those who exceed their limit. The budget would be based on the average for their region.
- A new fund to enable practice budget GPs to hire outside experts to advise them on how to manage their new responsibilities.
- New money to enable these GPs pay for the extra equipment, presumably computers, they will need to monitor costs and find out where there is spare capacity in the hospital sector.
- A shake-up of the system for making merit awards to senior consultants. According to the draft, "effective use of resources as well as the clinical merit of their work" will be the new criteria.
- A bigger role for local senior management in deciding which consultants should get merit awards, which in some cases can almost double top health service salaries of £35,000 a year.
- Health authorities to be allowed to keep back some money to buy operations where there is spare capacity. Labour said there would be "summer sales of hip operations".
- Tax relief on private medical insurance premiums for the elderly.

Mr Clarke, who learned of the leak while visting a hospital in Bury in Lancashire, last night accused Mr Cook of "giving highly coloured accounts of a so-called leaked document.

"Robin Cook and Harriet Harman (Mr Cook's deputy) really ought to stop larking around if they want to be taken seriously," Mr Clarke said.

The British Medical Association said that the new leaks confirmed that patient care would suffer at the expense of financial considerations.

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The £66,000 transplant patient who died



The couple at the centre of the transplant affair: Mr and Mrs Colin Benton on holiday in Majorca.

Kidney doctor crisis meeting

By David Sapsted

Trustees of the National Kidney Centre are to hold an emergency meeting to discuss the future of Dr Raymond Crockett as the charity's medical director after allegations that the centre had become involved in the kidneys-for-sale affair.

Both Dr Crockett and Mr Michael Bewick, a leading kidney surgeon, were interviewed yesterday by the inquiry team from Bloomsbury Health Authority, which was ordered by the Department of Health to investigate the allegations.

One man has been arrested in Istanbul after four Turks said they had been paid for kidneys transplanted at the Humana Wellington Hospital, north London, the recipients being wealthy foreign patients receiving dialysis at the kidney centre.

The Times disclosed yesterday that one of the recipients, Mr Colin Benton, who held dual Israeli-British citizenship, had died a month after the operation, leaving his wife with bills totalling £66,000. A further £33,000 was paid by her husband's employers.

The hospital declined requests from *The Times* yesterday for copies of the bills submitted to Mrs Rochelle Benton, whose husband died of heart failure at the end of last August.

Mrs Benton, who says she paid £35,000 directly to Dr Crockett, out of which at least some of the Humana's bills were met, said she was told her husband would be getting a kidney donated by a Turk who was being paid and who was not related to her husband. She said she was told "not to breathe a word about it" to anyone.

Mr Benton's son David yesterday said he was considering taking legal action to

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Share index closes at best level since the crash

Trade figures boost City prices

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Share prices soared through 2,000 yesterday as the Government announced a better set of trade figures than expected. The FT-SE index closed at its best level since the stock market crash — up 46.1 at 2,005.9. It is within about 40 points of its pre-crash level.

Although Britain's current account was still in deficit last month by £1.26 billion, the figure was £209 million lower than the previous month and showed a downward trend from the record figure in October. It was seen as giving more evidence that high interest rates are acting to slow down over-rapid growth in the economy and that in due course the Chancellor will be able to start bringing rates down again.

Despite the enthusiastic reception for the trade figures the current account deficit for the whole of 1988 is easily the biggest ever in nominal terms, totalling £14.27 billion or 3 per cent of gross domestic product. This is five times the deficit in the previous year. In November, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, forecast a deficit of £13 billion.

Last month's deficit of £1.26 billion compared with downwards revised figures of £1.47 billion in November and £2.33 billion in October. Exports totalled £7.12 billion and imports £8.77 billion, with an estimated surplus on invisible trade of £400 million.

Analysts said the most encouraging feature of the figures was that growth in imports of consumer goods had slowed while export volumes had picked up, suggesting Mr Lawson's belief that industry would shift output into exports as demand at home suffered from high interest rates might be proving correct.

But they pointed to the discouraging evidence on export orders in the industrial trends survey by the Confederation of British Industry earlier this week as a counterweight to excessive optimism.

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Privacy Bill killed at the first hurdle

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Bill designed to curb invasions of privacy by the media was killed at the first hurdle amid chaos and recriminations yesterday.

Mr John Browne's Protection of Privacy Bill foundered by the narrowest of margins after he failed to muster 100 supporters to bring the Commons debate to an end.

There were bitter scenes as Mr Browne's supporters accused the anti-abortion lobby, which also has a Bill in the private members' queue, of causing his Bill's demise, a charge that was fiercely denied. The Government outlined its misgivings about the Bill during the debate but it was still expected to get its second reading.

It was effectively destroyed by the actions of Mr Greg Knight, Conservative MP for Derby North, who made clear that he intended to carry on speaking at the time the second reading vote was taken at 2.30 pm. Mr Knight, a solicitor, objected to the Bill because of what he called its unworkability and interference with the freedom of the press.

His declared intention to "talk out" the Bill meant that Mr Browne, Conservative MP for Winchester, had to move the closure of the debate. Under Commons rules he needed 100 MPs to back a closure motion.

He failed by two. Ninety-eight MPs voted for the closure and only one against, but it was still lost. Mr Knight could not have succeeded without the help of Mr George Galloway, Labour MP for Glasgow Hillhead, who offered himself as a teller for the motion's opponents. The one vote against was from Mr Peter Bottomley, the roads minister.

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Judge frees rape family

A woman jailed for pouring boiling water over the genitals of a lodger who raped her daughter aged five was freed yesterday by the Court of Appeal.

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, quashed the 30-month jail sentence imposed 11 days ago at Exeter Crown Court. He said the woman had been "grossly provoked".

Lord Lane also freed the woman's husband, aged 24, and her son, aged 17, who had both been given custodial sentences for beating the rapist. Lee Roberts, aged 19, is now serving nine years' youth custody for the rape.

Mr Charles Dowell, the family's solicitor, said coverage of the case had led a secret benefactor to fund the appeal, thereby enabling them to bypass lengthy legal aid procedures.

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Spring confusion for fur and feather

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Spring seems to have arrived prematurely for Britain, her continental neighbours and the United States, but the weather men say Eastern Europe is suffering some "perishingly cold winds" that are likely to herald a freezing February in the West.

If the prevailing conditions in Britain are sustained, the month of January will end with a temperature of three degrees centigrade above average.

The implications of the warmer weather are reflected in spring flowers already in bloom and animals waking early from hibernation

Reports flooding into the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, at Sandy, Bedfordshire, tell of morning birdsong approaching an established dawn chorus, two months ahead of time, and the survival of rare birds, such as the Hoopoe, which would normally have migrated long ago to North Africa. Blackbirds have built nests and laid their first clutch of eggs.

December and January have been the warmest since records began about 100 years ago in France, Denmark, Sweden, South Korea and Japan. Other countries are also reporting exceptionally high temperatures.

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The driest winter weather for 40 years in southern France and Spain has sparked off early forest fires. Madrid is enveloped in smog because of a build-up of pollution and water use has been restricted to four hours a day in parts of north-west Spain.

Clothes hawkers in Peking complain of poor demand for winter garments and fur traders in Paris, already affected by changing fashions, have been suffering. Gloves and woolly hats languish on the shelves of Danish department stores.

However, meteorologists in China, the Philippines and Taiwan were predicting yesterday that typical winter weather was set to take over in the near future.

The weather men are divided about why winter has so far failed to bite. While experts at the headquarters of the Government's Meteorological Office, at Bracknell, can now compare the seasons of the past 330 years, they are still hard pressed to decide if the latest unusual

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Britain pulls out of Kabul

Mr Ian Mackley, the Chargé d'Affaires, and the five staff members at the British Embassy in Kabul have been ordered to close down and return to Britain because of the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan.

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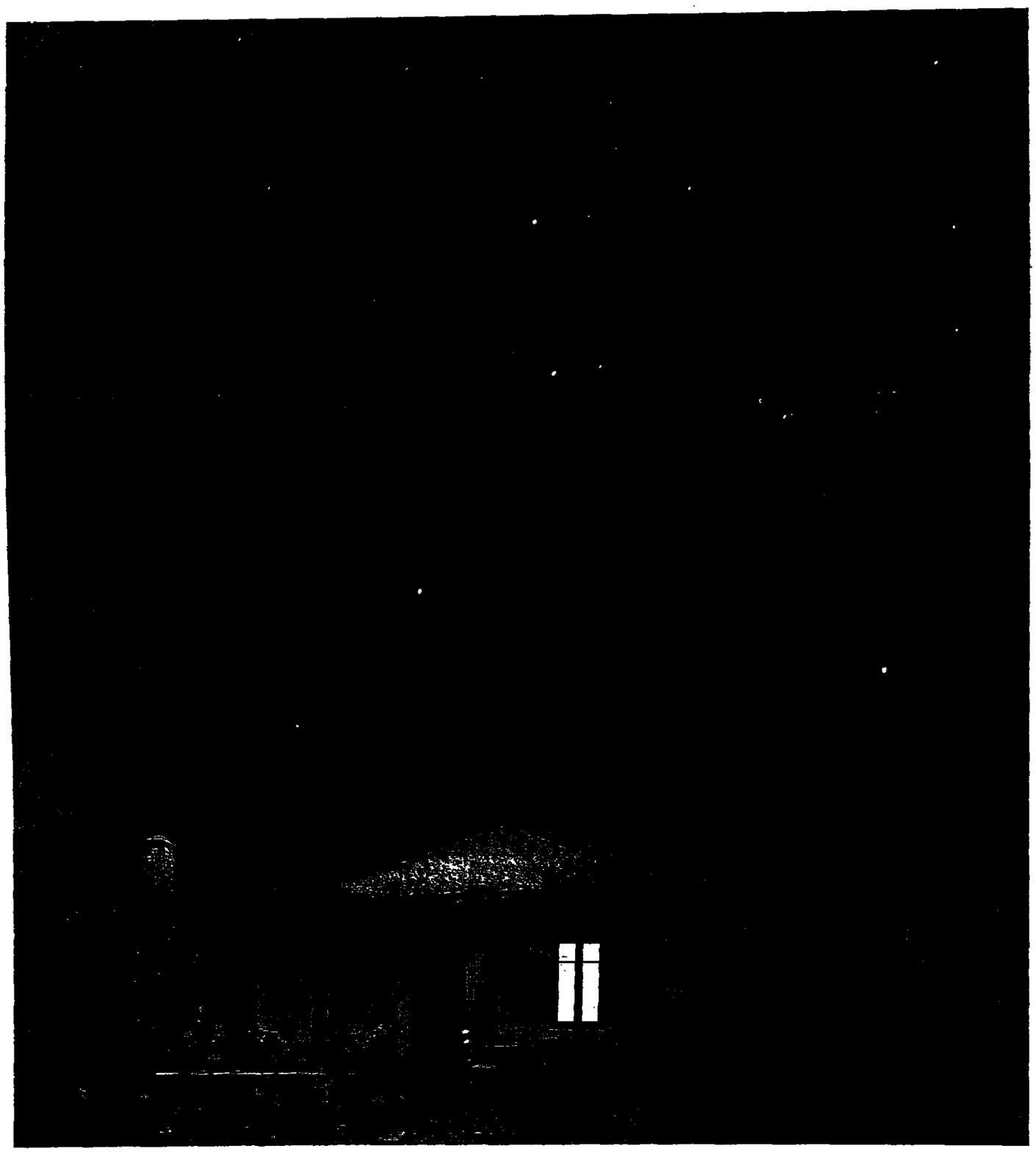
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Kidneys-for-sale claims lead to calls for tighter controls

Transplant surgeons turn to professional ethics

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

Leading renal transplant surgeons called yesterday for a tightening of procedures for ensuring that living donors are related and that no money has changed hands.

The surgeons, who fear their profession could be discredited because of allegations about paid donors, are determined to set up a watertight system.

It is not illegal to sell donor organs in Britain although it is strongly opposed by the Department of Health which has the ultimate sanction of withdrawing the licence of any hospital knowingly involved.

Mr Maurice Slapak, a transplant surgeon at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, said that all live donor transplants, whether related or unrelated, involving foreign donors should be referred to a professional ethical committee.

Mr Slapak, who does some private work at the Humana Wellington Hospital, in London, also suggested that all live donors should be referred between doctors. "No referral should be valid unless it goes from doctor to doctor directly without middle man intervention." He said all surgeons should abide strictly by the British Transplantation Society code of conduct which stipulates that where doctors are in doubt they should refer the case to its ethical committee.

Doctors who flout the code can be expelled by the society. However, private hospitals are under no obligation to stop those doctors from operating. "The teeth are not there. It should be a condition of being chucked out of the BTS that you can no longer practise", Mr Slapak said.

Mr Slapak and Mr Ross Taylor, president of the society, emphasized that responsibility for checking the relations should lie with the doctor. Mr Taylor, a renal transplant surgeon at Newcastle Royal Infirmary, said: "I think it lies fairly and squarely with the doctors treating the patient. I think it is reasonable for the doctor concerned, rather than the hospital, to make sure that everything is bona fide."

He said the four recent cases at the Wellington had not been referred to the society. "If we had been asked there would have been no way in the world, if the reports are accurate, that we would have said yes."

Most of the private hospitals where live donor transplants take place said this week that they stuck rigorously to the society's code. Those questioned included the London Bridge Hospital, the Cromwell and the Harley Street Clinic. The Humana Wellington refused to give details of its procedures, which are being reviewed. However, in a statement last weekend, the hospital said: "It is hospital policy that kidney donations be made only by relatives of the recipients".

Two other leading transplant surgeons, Mr Christoper Rudge, of the Cromwell and the Harley Street Clinic, and Mr Oswald Fernando, of the Harley Street Clinic and St John and St Elizabeth Hospital, said they adhered to the code. Each had referred one or two dubious cases to the society.

Mr Fernando said that the five main transplant surgeons had agreed to follow the code which was set up after the paid kidney cases in 1985 at the Devonshire and Clementine Churchill clinic. Both those hospitals have now stopped doing renal transplants. He said: "It depends how scupulous you are. You could turn a blind eye to what is going on."

The two other leading surgeons, Mr Michael Bewick of the Humana Wellington and London Bridge, and Mr John Castro, of the Cromwell, were unavailable.

All five, with Dr Raymond Crockett, the physician alleged to be at the centre of the Turkish cases, are also on the UK Transplant Centre's list to receive cadaver kidneys from the United States. Because of the shortage of kidneys in Britain, the private sector has to rely on American cadaver kidneys or use live donors.

Mr Fernando admitted that the pressure to do more live donor transplants had increased as the supply of American kidneys dried up.

"We now only get one every third or fourth month, to be shared between five surgeons. If a patient is not in the AB group (which is easy to cross-match from cadaver kidneys) I would say 'Forget it. Go and find a blood relative'."

The waiting list for transplants in the private sector is several months. The society's code stipulates that live donor transplants should normally be done on "well motivated relations".

They should be checked physically in detail and steps should be taken to ensure neither party is being pressed.

Unrelated live donors are permitted only in exceptional cases. Where a surgeon is in doubt, he should refer the case to the society's ethical committee which will examine the case thoroughly.

About six cases were referred to the society in the past year. All were cleared. "If they have passed all the checks till then they are likely to be OK", Mr Taylor said.

He said a surgeon doing a live donor transplant from abroad would go to extensive lengths to check credentials, including birth and marriage certificates, and to ensure that no money had changed hands.

Because records can be falsified, detailed interviews should also take place between the surgeon and the physician concerned with the donor and the recipient. Blood relatives can be checked tissue typing or genetic fingerprinting.

Trustees to investigate organ trade allegations

By David Sapsted

Trustees of the National Kidney Centre in London are to launch their own inquiry into why the charity has become embroiled in allegations of involvement in a kidneys-for-sale racket.

Mr John Cyster, chairman of the trust that runs the dialysis unit, said the trustees particularly want to know why Mr Ken Westall had been allegedly posing as the centre's administrative director for more than six months, when he had not even been employed there.

Mr Westall allegedly wrote a letter in July 1 on the centre's notepaper and allegedly signed it as administrative director, to ease clearance through immigration of one of four Turks who claim they were brought to Britain last year to sell their kidneys for transplants at a London hospital.

The letter, a copy of which has been obtained by *The Times*, states clearly that the Turk, Mr Ferhat Usta, was coming to England to "join his relative in London who is undergoing a kidney transplant operation".

However, it was Mr Usta who underwent an operation to have his kidney removed, and was paid £2,000. The organ was given to Mr Colin Benton, who held dual Israeli-British nationality, in an operation at the Humana Wellington hospital, north London, carried out by Mr Michael Bewick, a surgeon.

Mr Benton, who died a month after the operation, had been a patient of Dr Raymond Crockett, a Harley Street renal specialist, who is also medical director of the National Kidney Centre, where Mr Benton received dialysis before the operation.

Mr Westall would not comment yesterday on Mr Cyster's suggestion that the centre was being used primarily by Dr Crockett to give dialysis to wealthy foreigners awaiting kidney transplants.

However, he admitted that he had not been employed at the centre at the time he wrote the letter to Mr Usta. "I have been working here in a voluntary and research capacity since July. It is true, I have not been directly employed by the centre", he said.

He said he did not expect the centre to be involved in the inquiry into the kidneys-for-cash allegations by Bloomsbury Health Authority. He said he had written the letter to Mr Usta "in good faith" on behalf of Dr Crockett.

"We have assured ourselves this was an isolated incident. I have checked on all the other 20 or so similar letters I sent out last year and I am convinced they were all for relatives coming to this country to visit patients on dyalysis."

Mr Cyster said Mr Westall was "undoubtedly" employed by Dr Crockett at the time, although Mr Westall denied this. "I have no relationship with Dr Crockett beyond the fact he is medical director", he said. Dr Crockett has denied any involvement in any illegal act.

Mr Cyster said that although the trustees knew of Mr Westall early last year, it was only last month that he was interviewed for a job. At a meeting 10 days ago, the trustees decided to offer a job of director to Mr Westall as from January 1 this year.

Mr Westall said his sole involvement in a 1985 scandal, when a Pakistani claimed he had sold his kidney for transplant at an operation at the private Devonshire Hospital, central London, where Mr Westall was public affairs manager, was to answer questions from the press.

Mr Westall said fees for dialysis at the centre were £140 a session. Patients normally required three a week. The centre registered as a charity in 1966 and was opened originally to offer dialysis to Britons who could not get treatment within the NHS.

The original trustees, whose names still appear on the register at the Charity Commission, both died several years ago. The "correspondent" on the register is Dr Stanley Shaldon, one of the pioneers of kidney dialysis in Britain, who has been living in France since the late 1970s.

Alone in an empty, snowless landscape

JOHN PAUL



The new £1 million Cairngorm chair-lift, near Aviemore in the Highlands, which should be packed with skiers at this time of year, has been redundant so far through lack of snow. Some skiing industry operators fear they may not survive unless there is a big fall in the next two weeks. Snow reports, page 48.

Child 'doubly wounded'

Rape vengeance family free

By Michael Horsnell

The Court of Appeal has freed a mother jailed for pouring boiling water over the genitals of a lodger who raped her daughter aged five.

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, said yesterday the woman had been "grossly provoked". He quashed the 30-month jail sentence imposed 11 days ago at Exeter Crown Court.

He said a court "should pause very long before putting a mother of six behind bars and leaving her children to the tender mercies of others".

Lord Lane also freed the woman's husband, aged 24, and her son, aged 17, who had been given custodial sentences for beating the rapist.

Mr Charles Dowell, the family's solicitor, said coverage of the case had led a secret benefactor to fund the appeal, bypassing lengthy legal aid procedures. He said the worst part of the ordeal for the mother, aged 37, was being parted from her children.

Lord Lane, sitting with Mr Justice Rose and Mr Justice Pill, reduced the mother's sentence to two years and her husband's 21-month prison sentence to nine months, and suspended both. The son's 21-month youth custody sentence was set aside and he was conditionally discharged.

To protect the rape victim they cannot be named.

The court was told that Lee Roberts, aged 19, now serving nine years' youth custody for the rape, had been taken in by the family after his parents disowned him. He was treated like a son by the mother.

Then she learnt of the rape from other children at a riverside picnic.

The family went home and attacked Roberts. She picked up a boiling kettle and emptied it down the front of his trousers. He needed plastic surgery and is scarred for life.

The three admitted causing grievous bodily harm.

Lord Lane, who was told that the jailing of the three had "inflicted virtual devastation" on the family, said the sentencing judge at Exeter Crown Court, Judge Jonathan Clarke, had a difficult task.

The Court of Appeal, "not without hesitation and considerable discussion", had decided the sentences were too long. The raped child had been doubly wounded.

Lord Lane said the Court of Appeal took into account the mitigating and highly unusual features of the case.

"Generally speaking, revenge attacks must be met by suitable deterrent punishment." But in this case all three defendants were "highly and justifiably incensed".

Woman killed in barricaded flat

By Mark Ellis

A mother died and her daughter was critically injured by smoke yesterday in the council flat they had fortified against burglars.

Police and fire officers took 15 minutes to break in. London Fire Brigade renewed a warning security doors could turn homes into death traps.

Last night four people were arrested in connection with an arson attack earlier this month in which Mr Victor Johnson, aged 57, and his wife Audrey, aged 54, died when petrol was sprayed through the letterbox of their seventeenth-floor flat in Stockwell, south-west London. Firemen were hindered then by a steel security door frame.

The three men and a woman were taken to Brixton police station for questioning.

Yesterday's victims were Mrs Ruby Dey, aged 56, and her daughter Cheryl, aged 30, who is on a life support machine, of Godwin Court, Oakley Square, Camden, north London.

A neighbour, Mr Malik Rahman, aged 18, said: "They were screaming for a long time, really desperate screams.

"I woke up and looked out of the window and saw the smoke and seven police cars, but they couldn't get into the flat and the screams of the two ladies went on.

"They must have beenb screaming for 15 minutes or more, but then their cries gradually faded away. Sergeant Cedric Jones, who was one of the first policemen on scene, said: "We were helpless. There were five policemen here within two minutes of the call being received. We tried to get the grilles off the window but it was impossible.

"It took 15 to 20 minutes for the fire brigade to get in, that was with all their equipment."

The fire brigade said "vital minutes were lost" as they struggled to get in. It would have taken less than a minute to enter a traditionally secured home. "There was a heavy steel security door and grilles on the windows which made it difficult."

Mrs Dey was found dead in bed. Her daughter was found to be breathing even though dense black smoke from foam-filled furniture filled the flat. She was taken to University College Hospital.

The block of flats is heavily vandalized with ripped out light fittings in communal entrance halls and walls daubed with graffiti.

Chief Supt Peter Stevens said: "This is a typical London inner city area where people are frightened for their lives by the amount of violent crime".

Camden council confirmed last night that Mrs Dey had twice refused to have new locks fitted and the steel security door removed.

Mendis says he was wrong

Viraj Mendis, who was deported from Britain a week ago, said yesterday he was wrong in the accusations he had made against Sri Lanka during attempts to avoid repatriation.

Mendis, aged 32, said in a statement that his actions had given the impression that "I have little love for my country and have used the troubles here as a means to prolong my stay in Britain. This is not the case.

"I love my country deeply. I regret that this misunderstanding should have arisen. With greater sensitivity on my part it could have been avoided. Some of my claims were made in good faith at the time, I now perceive (them) to have been wrong."

Mendis had claimed he could be killed if sent home, either by the government or by a Sinhalese group, because of his public support for a Tamil separatist movement.

Since arriving in Colombo, he has been reunited with his family, held news conferences and moved about freely.

Church leaders insisted yesterday that they had not been duped by Mendis.

They think the statement may have been made under duress.

Father John Mathuen, rector at the Church of Ascention in Manchester, where Mendis spent two years, said the statement was highly questionable, and neither he nor his parishioners regretted having granted him sanctuary.

The sound of Elgar marks a return to tradition

By Mark Ellis

The return to traditional values in the Thatcher years has harmonized musical tastes, fuelling an unprecedented demand for works by that quintessentially British composer, Sir Edward Elgar.

In the Classical Top 20 published by *The Times*, three recordings of Elgar's Cello Concerto, including two by the late Jacqueline Du Pre, occupy the number one, three and eight positions after several weeks in the chart. His Enigma Variations conducted by Bernstein with the BBC Symphony Orchestra has moved up from 16 to number 12 and Elgar: In the South played by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra has just entered the list at number 20.

Classical record shops report a big growth in demand for Elgar, who died 55 years ago, and HMV, which produced the best-selling recording of Du Pre with the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir John Barbirolli, said its shops were having difficulty keeping up with demand.

As record companies enjoy the boom, Elgar's only descendants, two great nieces, Mary and Margaret Elgar, who are unmarried, live modestly in Worcester. Royalties go to the companies, because copyright on nearly all his music ended five years ago.

Mr Sam Driver White, a Worcester solicitor and a director of the Elgar Foundation, a charitable trust set up to promote interest in Elgar, said: "There is a certain yearning for the best of what is past, but there is something of much wider appeal in his work, an all-enveloping romance, a feeling of love, love for the English countryside and love of women".

He said Elgar was being championed by some of the best known conductors and even his less well known works were being performed worldwide and recently in Russia.

Mr John Phillips, director of the Elgar School of Music in Worcester, recalls, as a boy chorister in the city's cathedral, having the temerity to ask the great composer for his autograph only to be told: "Ask Mr Smith, the verger, to do it, he can write my name more clearly than me". He said that Elgar was enjoying a revival. People were going back to traditional fashions and there was a reaction against 12-tone music. He is seen as the embodiment of Edwardian and traditional values, which are in vogue at present.

"There is also the influence of the Du Pre recordings and the tremendous upsurge of interest in Elgar country of Worcester and the Malvern Hills for English and foreign visitors."

But Mr Anthony Payne, a composer and music critic, disliked the view of Elgar as a purely English figure when his genius was greater and more continental. He said: "The present climate might be in tune with him if he is put down as a comfortable, complacent Edwardian, but that is claptrap because behind the pomp and circumstance is a sensitive and insecure man, emotionally slightly rootless whose style in many respects is not English".



Call to stiffen package holiday law

By Robin Young

Legislation to safeguard holiday-makers' rights has been demanded by local authority trading standards officers.

A report by Lacots, the local authorities' co-ordinating body on trading standards, recommends that the Government should swiftly adopt the European Commission's draft directive on package travel, so that holiday contracts and brochures would have to be clearly intelligible, and liability for any shortcomings clearly defined.

The directive's provisions would also introduce a single complaints procedure in each EC member state. The report calls for a new European directive to make all hotels and holiday accommodation conform to safety standards. Large numbers of foreign hotels, Lacots says, fail to meet basic safety requirements regarding fire precautions, lifts, balconies and furnishings.

An increasing number of complaints about high-pressure selling of timeshare holiday homes brings a recommendation that there should be a seven-day "cooling off" period within which purchasers would have the right to withdraw from timeshare contracts, and that there should be a European definition of timeshare buyers' rights.

Report on the Holiday Trade (AMA, 35 Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3BJ or Lacots, PO Box 6, Token House, 1A Robert Street, Croydon, CR9 1LG; free).

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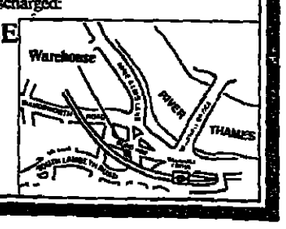
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THE TUNNEL EFFECT

- The Channel tunnel is being built — but it is hardly full steam ahead for the rail link to London. There is opposition to all four of British Rail's planned routes and BR is faced with trouble funding environmental safeguards.
- In a three-part series, *The Times* looks at:
  — the risk of environmental mayhem in Kent
  — argument over the site of the London terminal
  — how the Midlands and the North can benefit

WIN £116,000

- The Portfolio Accumulator £4,000 daily prize was won yesterday by Mrs Audrey Barthorpe, of Sheffield; Mr R. Clay, of Bexhill-on Sea; and Mr John Upshall, of Basingstoke. The Accumulator fund stands at £116,000. In addition, there is the £8,000 weekly prize to be won today.

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A special free telephone hotline has been set up to handle student queries about Presspass.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Rifkind pledge to veterinary school

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, pledged yesterday to investigate the planned closure of Glasgow University's Veterinary School. Former pupils of the school include James Herriot, the author. The school provided a base for Aids research and for the work of Sir James Black, the Nobel prize-winner.

A working party of the University Grants Committee proposed the closure, based on estimates of the number of graduate veterinary surgeons Britain is likely to need. In a meeting next week with Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, the UGC chairman, Mr Rifkind is to question the report.

Mr Rifkind visited the school yesterday and said it was a matter of "some concern" that the report did not examine the relative academic merits of the schools. Under the proposals, Britain's six veterinary schools would be reduced to four with the closure of Glasgow and part of Cambridge.

Roman site inquiry

A public inquiry is to be held into plans to build an office block in York on a site where remains, possibly of the imperial residence of a Roman Emperor, have been discovered. Archaeologists on the site of the former Queen's Hotel, in Micklegate, feared that revised plans for a basement car park would result in permanent damage to the remains. The Department of the Environment's announcement of the inquiry should give them at least an extra three months to continue excavating what could be among the most important buildings uncovered in Britain.

Shipyard takeover

Zenta Engineering Holdings, a Glasgow engineering firm, was yesterday named as the bidder likely to take over the Hall Russell shipyard in Aberdeen and to complete the £19 million government-funded St Helena ferry. The announcement came from Mr Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, whose department is funding the ferry project. Receivers were called in last November when negotiations were started to rescue the yard from financial crisis. Central to the deal was approval of the overseas development administration.

Caution on conifers

Sir William Wilkinson, chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council, gave a qualified welcome yesterday to a report suggesting that a further 39,000 hectares of the Flow Country, in the far north of Scotland, should be planted with conifers. Although the council was represented on the working party which produced the report, the gains for conservation had been less than it wished. But the report should allow the council to get on with identifying sites of special scientific interest, he said.

Scots rail fares move

Cheaper fares and free seat reservations from Scotland are to be introduced on Anglo-Scottish Intercity rail services from Monday. The "Intercity in Scotland" initiative, being mounted to counter competition from alternative means of travel, will be supported by a £500,000 advertising campaign. Scotrail receives no government financial support and is facing stiff competition from the airlines, coaches and the private car.

Gas worker wins

A British Gas worker dismissed after he was seen on television at an election count while he was off ill has won his unfair dismissal claim. Mr Alan Duncan, aged 37, an operator at Provan Gas Works, Glasgow, was suffering from a torn ligament and had a medical certificate. He was subsequently dismissed. He claimed it was because of trade union activities. The Glasgow tribunal said that was not the main reason. A further hearing is to determine the remedy.

Toyota surveys six UK sites in search for base

By Tim Jones, Joe Joseph and Peter Davenport

Toyota, the world's third largest car manufacturer, has already surveyed at least six sites in Britain as possible locations for its proposed £600m production plant, which will make 200,000 cars a year and employ 3,000 people.

Although no decision has yet been taken by the company, Mr Shoichiro Toyoda, president of Toyota, said yesterday that several factors made Britain the strongest contender for the plant, which the company wants to build in Western Europe before 1992 and the introduction of the free market.

On Thursday, Mrs Margaret Thatcher said that Britain was the "lead country" for the Japanese firm in its search for a European base.

Her view was confirmed by Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who has invited the company to work closely with his department in pursuing its feasibility studies.

In a move which could upset other unions in the industry, Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said his union would be prepared to offer the company a single-union deal. He added: "We will co-operate whether it is a single union or multi-union deal. This is a triumph for British workers and the confidence foreign investors place in them."

The union is determined to try to avoid a replay of the Ford debacle, when the company abandoned plans to site its £40 million electronic component plant in Dundee because of opposition by Mr Ron Todd's transport workers' union to a single-union deal which the AEU had negotiated.

Last night, a spokesman for the TGWU said it was too early to consider how the plant would be manned. Toyota has been conducting preliminary surveys in the UK with considerable secrecy because of Dundee and the publicity it engendered. But local authorities representing at least six possible sites in England and Wales have been sent detailed questionnaires ranging from requests for soil analysis to life-style and local amenities.

Yesterday, speaking on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, Lord Young said he would be very surprised if the company did not find a suitable site in Britain.

He said most of the parts used to make cars at the proposed site would be European-made. "It will start at 60 per cent but within two to three years it will go to 80 per cent."

The Government, he said, would not be offering large cash inducements to attract Toyota. "I doubt if there will be very much money involved. The European Community has very strict rules from January 1 this year."

Under those rules, all Government aid for projects with investment or research costs of more than £7.9 million now need prior approval from the European Commission..

Two of the sites the company is considering are in Humberside and at least one is in Yorkshire. On Thursday, company executives visited one of the sites at Stallingborough near Grimsby. The company is also understood to be considering a site near Leeds.

In Wales, three sites are under serious consideration. One, in north Wales, is at Shotton in Clwyd, close to the site of the former steel works. Another possibility is at Llanwrn on the outskirts of Newport in Gwent. The third site is on the outskirts of Cardiff at Wenatloog.

Mr Toyoda said yesterday: "We have been conducting a study covering the entire EC area. The UK has emerged as one of the strongest candidates."

He brushed aside European car makers' fears that there are already too many car manufacturers in Europe chasing too few customers. He foresaw little hostility from the EEC's established car makers.

"In the past two or three years, European car sales have been good. Therefore, the atmosphere concerning this issue of over-capacity is getting better.

"In the UK, since car imports have been increasing, it seems like the Government is thinking of increasing domestic production in order to reduce imports, so I am optimistic.

"The EC Commission would rather have more domestic production and fewer imports. We would like to continue exports to the EC in a prudent manner, but we have to meet the needs of our customers and dealerships.

"There is a demand there. In order to meet those needs, we have to increase our volume. In order to do that, we have to produce our cars locally."

Opposition parties thrash out strategy for self government

MPs join in Scots talks on home rule

Leading Labour, Nationalist and Democrat MPs gathered in Edinburgh yesterday to thrash out a strategy for Scottish self government, nearly 300 years after the city closed down its parliament. Their deliberations look likely to encounter as much disunity as did the dissolution in 1707.

The opposition parties met to discuss a constitutional convention in an atmosphere of pessimism. It was hardly in keeping with that of 1320, when the Declaration of Arbroath pronounced: "So long as one hundred of us remain alive, we are minded never a whit to bow beneath the yoke of the English".

The meeting, described as historic, consisted of initial discussions on how to achieve a non-parliamentary Scottish assembly representing all shades of political opinion.

Three empty chairs at the table symbolized the Conservatives, who hold only 10 of Scotland's 72 parliamentary seats and scorn the notion of a convention.

Opposition parties, all of which support some degree of Scottish home rule, hope that a convention will ultimately lead to some form of parliament in Edinburgh.

However, the tone yesterday was one of sober caution, lacking in the ringing sentiment of Arbroath that "we fight for liberty alone, that liberty which no good man lays down but with his life".

One of the main problems is the question of a constitution, with the SNP, buoyed by recent opinion polls and their triumph at Govan, demanding direct elections or linkage to the European Parliament polling in June.

Mr Jim Sillars, victor of Glasgow Govan, and one of the SNP's three representatives yesterday, said: "We would be very foolish to get too euphoric. There are fundamental differences between us."

One of those, he said, was the question of sovereignty. "There is no way we can see Westminster as sovereign. That gives Thatcher a veto over what the Scots decide."

Mr Donald Dewar, Labour's Scottish spokesman, said there would be no early attempt to settle matters of principle. "There are big differences."

Mr Malcolm Bruce, Scottish leader of the Democrats, said: "There is room for discussion. We do not close doors on the composition of the convention."

The initial plan, drawn up by the all-party Campaign for a Scottish Assembly, suggests a 147-member body of Scottish MPs, Euro MPs and representatives of local authorities, trade unions, the churches and other groups.

However, even before yesterday, there were fears that a body of that size would be too large. The SNP rejects any plan giving Labour a large working majority.

At present, only the Scottish National Party favours full independence, with a plan envisaging enthusiastic membership of the European Community. Labour favours a devolved assembly, while the Democrats back renegotiation of the Treaty of Union.

DAVE HUTCHISON



Mrs Maggie Ewing, Mr Gordon Wilson and Mr Jim Sillars, of the SNP delegation, in Edinburgh yesterday with other opposition MPs to discuss a representative, but non-parliamentary constitutional convention for a self-governing Scotland.

Hurd steps up war on violent crime

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, heralded yesterday three measures next week as part of a government campaign against violent crime.

He told Conservatives at Tring, Hertfordshire, he would be announcing details next week of a further 1,100 police posts in England and Wales.

"We have already changed the law to make it an offence for anyone to carry a knife in a public place without good reason. Next week we shall bring into force a ban on the private ownership of the Kalashnikov and other lethal firearms."

Part of the answer lay in getting the right sentences passed on violent offenders. It should be no part of any politician's job to second-guess the decisions of judges or magistrates in particular cases. "The fact is that the courts are now passing longer sentences for most violent crimes and from next week there will also be a new right of appeal (through the Attorney General) available to the prosecution if they think that a serious criminal has been sentenced too leniently."

Violent crime, and the fear of crime, continued to cloud the lives of too many citizens. Even though offences against the person accounted for only about one in 20 of all crimes, violent crime continued to rise at a time when the overall crime rate was falling.

Curbing stupid drinking was part of the strategy. "In last year's Licensing Act, we tightened up the law against under-age drinking and gave magistrates the power to stop alcohol being sold in late-night clubs and discos. "This year we shall be adding to their armoury a new power to revoke a liquor licence because of irresponsible behaviour or bad management by the licensee."

Parents, teachers and broadcasters had the power to shape the moral development of a child: whether he grew up straight or crooked. "Social discipline and respect for others cannot be achieved through passing laws or building prisons", Mr Hurd said.

"The longer I serve as Home Secretary, the more that I talk to police officers, prison officers or magistrates, the more it is borne in on me that anyone who takes seriously the problem of crime has to discuss both families and schools because these are influences which have shaped today's lager lout or soccer thug."

Bank loses court right

The Bank of Scotland yesterday lost its right to have a legal action against a London-based organization heard by a Scottish court.

The Court of Session overturned a ruling by Lord Cullen in November on an appeal by the Investment Management Regulatory Organization, the registered office of which is in New Oxford Street, London.

Lord Dunpark, giving the leading opinion, said that the Bank of Scotland had brought legal action against the organization in the wrong part of the United Kingdom. It would have to be done in the English courts.

The legal dispute began last year when the bank asked the organization to set aside its rules on life assurance investment which the bank considered restrictive.

The case could now go before the House of Lords.

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Procedural device blocks Bill to curb press invasion of privacy

The private Member's Bill to restrict the invasion of privacy by the press fell in the Commons when its supporters failed to carry a motion to enable a vote on the second reading.

The closure motion which would have allowed a decision on second reading was carried by 98 to one, but 100 MPs must vote in favour in order that such a motion be carried.

The failure to carry the second reading puts the Bill down the queue of private Members' Bills, and although technically the debate on it was adjourned, no day was named for its continuation.

The Protection of Privacy Bill sets out to establish a right of privacy for the individual against the unauthorized use or disclosure of private information and it seeks to confer remedies for the public misuse of private information.

MPs had been debating the Bill for nearly five hours and as the time for the vote approached Mr Gregory Knight Derby North, C) was speaking against the Bill and had made clear that he intended to "talk the Bill out" if he could.

He said that he disagreed with it and did not believed that it could be improved by further consideration.

There were problems with the press, but legislation was not the first and only option. The Press Council, under its new chairman Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, should be given another chance.

Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State, Home Office, said that the Government was not seeking to oppose the Bill at second reading. But it did have reservations about legislation on the subject of privacy and on the drafting of the Bill.

He could not ignore the distress and suffering that could be caused to victims and their families by invasions of privacy.

"There is growing resentment in many quarters at the way some of the tabloid press blatantly exploit details of the private lives of public figures but also, on too many occasions, ordinary people, such as victims of disasters, who through no choice of their own find themselves thrust into the public eye."

There was something objectionable about seeing people's private lives invaded by newspapers whose primary pursuit was higher circulation figures.

But the Government was not persuaded of the need for such a Bill.

It was one thing to feel a sense of outrage but another to devise a sensible and satisfactory means of putting things right.

Mr John Browne (Winchester, C), the Bill's sponsor, said that it tried to balance the need for an individual's privacy against the legitimate needs of the community.

"We must always distinguish between the public interest and the interests of the public."

Polls showed that 70 per cent of the public were disgusted and concerned about the increased exploitation of breaches of privacy for financial gain.

In Europe and the United States, privacy laws had worked and the press had flourished. Why was this country so far behind?

"Surely every man and woman in the country feels that their home is their castle in which their private life should be protected. We hope that this Bill will put water in the moat of everyone's castle."

The Bill recognized two competing interests: Freedom of information; and the protection of individual privacy.

"It seeks to confer remedies for the public misuse of private information rather than the general right of the protection of privacy."

The Bill did not set out to be the killjoy of normal village tittle-tattle and gossip.

It had been argued by past Governments that the press should be self-regulatory. "For the past 36 years, breach of privacy cases have been decided by the Press Council. In each case individual members of the council have decided according to their own view of privacy and public interest."

The result was arbitrary decisions with no restitution for the wronged.

The press would be affected and was rightly concerned. Self-regulation had been tried with the Press Council, but it had clearly been ineffective. It was wrong to suggest that news coverage would be hampered by the Bill. It would not affect investigative journalism or attempts to uncover wrongdoing. It would give individuals a right to privacy that existed in all other civilized countries.

Mr Julian Critchley (Aldershot, C) said that the English daily newspaper was as British as football hooligans and just as welcome. The leaders of the pack were Rupert Murdoch's *Sun* and *News of the World*, with *The Star* bringing up the rear.

"I suppose *The Sun* is the most successful and least attractive newspaper in Britain. In fact it is not a newspaper, it is more an entertainment sheet. Its staff — I have written a column for *The Sun* — refer to the paper as 'the comic'. The truth is that as standards drop, circulation figures rise."

The Sun easily headed the complaints league last year with 15 complaints to the Press Council being upheld and one partly upheld. He doubted if Rupert Murdoch or his editor, Kelvin MacKenzie, cared much. The 16 rebukes were probably painted on Mr MacKenzie's fuselage like so many RAF roundels on an ME 109.

The success of newspapers like *The Sun* raised hard questions. Did Mr MacKenzie really do no more than raise a glass to the face of his readers? "Does *The Sun* lead or simply follow?"

Mr George Galloway (Glasgow, Hillhead, Lab) said that he would oppose the Bill despite the intervention of Fleet Street's "rat pack" in his own personal life.



Mr Browne: There is no restitution for the wronged.

The spectacle of *The Sun* newspaper appointing its managing editor as its Ombudsman to deal with complaints was enough to make a horse laugh.

"It is a further evidence of the extent to which the media feel their ground is shifting underneath them."

The Sun and the *News of the World* were the most successful newspapers in Europe, if not the world. There had been a collapse in newspaper standards and the Murdoch press bore a lot of responsibility for it.

"The arrival of that least welcome immigrant in these islands, and his emergence as the most powerful media baron in the world, has coincided with a spectacular fall in standards." But it was a very successful drop in standards because profits and sales were up.

Other newspapers had been forced to follow Mr Murdoch downwards because his newspapers' circulation figures were zooming. The enormous power of the Murdoch empire caused concern.

His (Mr Galloway's) personal life had been brought into focus at a press conference just after the general election when he was confronted by a national newspaper journalist who had documents which had been stolen from a friend.

He had been questioned about his sex life, his home was besieged by journalists along with the homes of his elderly grandmother, father, friends and neighbours and even his five-year-old daughter had been chased by a photographer.

Despite those invasions of privacy he could not support the Bill. "Britain is already too secret to afford new restrictions on the freedom of the press. Freedom of information is already in too short supply.

"Along with curbing the excesses of the worst newspapers in the country it risks curbing the very necessary and good things about the British press, the kind of investigative journalism on which free society depends."

Mr Ronald Brown (Edinburgh, Leith, Lab) spoke of the allegations last year about an incident in the shower room at the House, supposedly involving his assistant. An exciting but untrue story had been put out by *The Sun*. The *News of the World* had alleged that his assistant had become pregnant as a result of the alleged incident. The paper had justified the allegation on the basis of information from a drug addict.

The slogan of the tabloids was: "Make it simple, make it juicy and make it up."

Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C) said that he suspected that the Bill would be welcomed by a large section of the press as something to stop the gutter press doing indecent things to protect circulation.

The tide was rising "and no Canute at Wapping or at the River Fleet will be able to turn it back".

Mr Renton said that it was right to put on record some reservations the Government had about legislation on privacy and about the drafting of the Bill.

Further consideration must be given to whether a new statutory right was likely, in practice, to do anything to help people whose privacy had been infringed.

It was important to consider this Bill in the context of the law on breach of confidence and libel. Privacy was a difficult concept. It was apparent that privacy could not be an absolute right. There was an inevitable tension between privacy and freedom of expression. The Bill recognized the conflict and left the courts to decide.

The Bill was likely to be used only in the most extreme cases of breach of privacy. Case law would therefore build up slowly. Writs would be issued to prevent publication, followed by settlement out of court with no consequent clarification of the law.

There could well be a danger that journalists and editors would abandon any idea of self-discipline and treat anything as acceptable, provided that it did not render them liable to legal action.

"The press at times outrages the bounds of decent behaviour, but that may be a price we have to pay for freedom of speech."

For those reasons, he had to continue to believe that voluntary self-regulation through the Press Council, endorsed by successive royal commissions, was a more effective and appropriate form of control than would be provided by legislation..

The new chairman of the council should be given the opportunity to make his influence felt before they rushed into action which could effectively undermine the future of self-regulation.

Any legislative curbs on newspapers and journalism should only be imposed after careful thought and if some overriding national interest were involved.

During the course of the debate a number of MPs gave illustrations of the way newspapers had invaded their privacy or that of their family and friends. Among them was *Miss Dawn Primarolo* (Bristol South, Lab) who last week asked a Commons question of the Prime Minister on behalf of Mrs Ann Clwyd (Cynon Valley, Lab) who had lost her voice.

Miss Primarolo said that investigative journalism was not a right to harass people, to destroy their lives or make them miserable. Journalists were not entitled to mackrake, to fabricate and to spread lies about people.

She had been advised that journalists who had been involved in a matter concerning her were in contempt of the House and that she could have taken the matter to the Privileges Committee. But that would give her protection that the public would not have so she had decided not to do so.

Within hours of her putting the question on behalf of Mrs Clwyd last week, journalists were at her home in Bristol, harassing her friends and family, seeking to discover some sordid or unsavoury episode in her past or, perhaps, present, simply because they did not like the parliamentary question.

Reporters from *The Sun* camped outside her ex-husband's house. They had gone to his workplace, too, and to community projects that he and she were involved in. Her husband got in and out of his house the whole day over the back garden fence. Their friends had had to be warned about saying a word out of place in case it were to be blazoned in a newspaper as an attack on her.

"I have a son, aged 11, and we had to make arrangements to get him out of school the back way. The last thing I wanted was to see a photograph of my son in some unpleasant, insinuating article in that newspaper." A rather unpleasant article did appear on the Friday but none appeared in *The Sun*.

The time had come to talk about the relationship between journalists and the private lives of MPs and those of other people.

Assurance on football Bill

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Government will give an assurance in the Lords next week that its football identity card scheme will not be forced on the 92 League clubs until the technology is installed and working satisfactorily.

However, ministers will make clear that they see no reason why the new advanced turnstiles cannot cope with football crowds by the 1990 season.

They hope it will defuse fears among Conservative backbench peers that violence could erupt outside football grounds if the scheme is not working properly.

The assurance will be given during the second reading debate of the Football Spectators Bill in the Lords on Thursday.

The reform of Britain's anti-terrorist laws is due to clear the Commons on Monday, following the Government's use of the guillotine, against Labour's wishes, to limit debate.

An all-party agreement has been reached in the Lords to guarantee that the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill comes into force by March 22.

Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the Commons, has said that the United Kingdom will be left without adequate defences against terrorism if the new law is not in place by the time the old Act expires on March 21.

On Wednesday, the environment will be at the top of the agenda of both Houses. Labour has chosen housing as one of its debates in the Commons, while the Lords will debate pollution and the quality of life.

A second private Member's Bill affecting the press is down for second reading on Friday. The Right of Reply Bill, to give aggrieved private citizens the right to reply to inaccurate statements about them in the press, is to be moved by Miss Clare Short, Labour MP for Birmingham, Ladywood.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, is due to give evidence to the Commons Select Committee on Agriculture on Wednesday in the latest episode of the salmonella-in-eggs saga. Mr John MacGregor, Minister of Agriculture, will also give evidence

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Piper's fire system 'virtually useless' before explosion

By Kerry Gill

Four months before the Piper Alpha platform exploded, an Occidental memorandum stated that the fire deluge system in module C, where the initial explosion took place, was "virtually useless", the inquiry in Aberdeen was told yesterday.

Mr Konrad Wottge, facilities engineering manager for Occidental Petroleum (Caledonia), conceded that he had signed a memo last March that was critical of the fire-fighting system.

He was being cross-examined on the seventh day of the inquiry, before Lord Cullen, by Mr Hugh Campbell, QC, on behalf of the Piper Alpha Trade Union Group.

Mr Campbell read out a paragraph from the memo which read: "In case of a gas fire within C module, the existing deluge system is virtually useless. It is essential that the bulk of any hydrocarbon inventory (gases) which could feed a fire is removed to flare as soon as possible.

"This is especially essential on Piper as we have no structural fire proofing as on Claymore and all structural members are highly stressed and structural integrity could be lost in 10 to 20 minutes if a fire was fed from a large, pressurized hydrocarbonate inventory."

Mr Wottge, while agreeing that he had signed the memo, qualified it by emphasizing that after it had been written it was realized that the system was not in such a poor state as had first been believed.

"When I wrote this letter I had been informed by some of my engineers on the platform that in an emergency shutdown the reciprocating compressors (part of the platform's gas compression system) would not automatically depressurize.

"This gave me concern", he said. "The matter was followed up and it was found this was erroneous. The compressors did indeed blow down on a platform shutdown, but not on a routine compressor trip.

"By virtually useless I meant I recognized that in a gas fire you cannot necessarily put the fire out with deluge but you can provide structural cooling", he said.

Earlier, Mr Wottge said that occasional scaling had taken place in the deluge piping system and that had caused blockages in nozzles. Design work had been under way to correct it by replacing the galvanized steel with stainless steel, although he admitted that it had not been carried out by July 6, the night of the disaster.

Mr Wottge was asked how many times a shutdown took place on Piper Alpha because of a perceived emergency. He said that in the early life of the platform there was a high level.

However, in recent years the number of shutdowns had sharply decreased to fewer than a dozen a year. Asked how many were "spurious, accidental or unwarranted", Mr Wottge replied that it would be fewer than half.

Mr Wottge also said that by last July it had been estimated that the platform's design life would be up to about 2005.

He said that initially Piper Alpha was allocated four 48-person lifeboats, but a fifth was added before production began and a sixth in 1975 because of the greater number of workers.

Regulations in 1977 stipulated there must be spaces for one and half times the number of personnel on a platform, and life rafts' capacity had to be twice the number of personnel. Nine extra life rafts with space for 25 people were added.

The inquiry continues on Monday.

Town fights for trees

CHRIS HARRIS



Mrs Veronica Wood and the beech trees in Stratford Park that she is campaigning to save.

By Andrew Morgan

A battle to save more than 27 mature trees, scheduled for felling as part of road improvement near a new Tesco store, yesterday gathered momentum in Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Tesco, hailed recently for its "green" attitudes, was granted planning permission last February for its store but the trees issue flared last month after plans disclosed the road scheme through a section of Stratford Park. Planning permission for the store, now being built, was given on condition that Tesco realigned the road at its expense.

Mrs Veronica Wood, an opponent, called a public meeting last month after seeing yellow crosses on the trees. The community's anger postponed the felling.

The recreation and amenities committee of Stroud District Council voted on January 12 by a small majority for the plans. The full council votes on February 16. Opponents, who are not against the store itself, say that a cycle and foot path through the park would negate the road scheme. Mrs Wood said: "We will chain ourselves to the trees rather than see them felled".

Mrs Valerie Gardiner, Independent chairman of the council, says the final vote will be close. "There is great sympathy for the tree campaigners. I recognize we have a dangerous road. Hundreds of children use it every day and no responsible person would allow the development without improving the road. The county insisted on the improvement and passengers will be taken above the road."

Tesco says it is "in the middle" because of the county council's road demands. It plans to plant 70 trees in the park in its landscaping. "We plant more trees than we cut down and it is not a question of wading in with bulldozers."

Impressive and varied entries vie for honours

By Andrew Morgan

THE TIMES BBC RADIO 4 PM ENVIRONMENT AWARD

A conservation group from North Yorkshire which has carried out extensive work in the Yorkshire Dales, including planting thousands of trees and dry stone walling, is one of the many entries for the £5,000 *Times*/BBC Radio 4 *PM* Environment Awards.

The Yorkshire Dales Conservation Volunteers, which last year worked nearly every weekend and gave 400 days to projects, reflects intense grassroots commitment to conservation.

Mr Russ Turner, the secretary, said the group had been involved in grassland management for the Nature Conservancy Council at Greenhow and on Malham Moor, and the removal of silt and vegetation from a raised bog on Swarthmoor to preserve its flora.

Nominations show an impressive range and include schools' work, such as Audenshaw Primary School, in Manchester, for creating a garden from derelict land; the Suffolk Preservation Society in its Diamond Jubilee year for monitoring big planning applications such as Sizewell B; and Mr Brian Wurzell, who helped a threatened inner-city wildlife park in London by finding a new hybrid grass.

A group in Surrey offers details of its work on Brentmoor Heath, a 30-acre site now listed as a site of special scientific interest, which is managed by the Surrey Wildlife Trust.

The Brentmoor Heath Conservation Working Party has expanded wet and dry heather areas by extracting pine and birch scrub to improve the habitat for flora and fauna.

Individuals proposed include Meta and Kneale Birch, who bought 17 acres of land in the Dane Valley, at Somerford, in Cheshire, and cleared rubbish, dug ponds and planted 350 trees and 340 yards of hedging. The area now has a badger set, nesting kingfishers and more than 50 varities of bird.

Alan and Tess Richards are nominated for their efforts in preserving the Hope Valley, near Wolverhampton. They bought a part of the valley in the 1970s and prevented quarry development but the valley is now threatened with a six-lane motorway which they are fighting.

Dr Roy Baker, from the University of East Anglia, nominates Mrs Phyllis Ellis, the widow of Ted Ellis, the naturalist, for her efforts in raising £120,000 to save Wheatfen in the Norfolk Broads in memory of her husband.

The Littlehall Pinetum and Woods Association, near Canterbury, in Kent, details its work planting hundreds of trees on the 15-acre site after the Great Storm of 1987 caused widespread damage.

Other impressive work has been carried out by the Chiltern Society in its contribution to the restoration of the Misbourne Valley, in south Buckinghamshire. Last year, the Chiltern Conservation Volunteers carried out extensive groundwork on the upper reaches of the river.

The Forth Fishery Conservation Trust describes its activities in stopping illegal salmon netting in the Forth estuary which was threatening stocks. Mr James Mackie, a trustee, says that the problem was ignored by the authorities.

Other entries feature combined history and the environment. The Fenland Archaeological Trust is reconstructing a late Bronze Age landscape at Flag Fen, near Peterborough, which used to be a sewage settling-bed surrounded by treeless, over-drained arable land. So far, 5,000 plants have been put down and two lakes built and the site, which last year had 8,600 visitors, features a continuing excavation.

Another individual proposed for the awards is Mr John Willmer who runs the organic Friars Court Farm, Clanfield, Oxfordshire. He refuses to use pesticides and has created a lake and bog for wildfowl and planted small woods as well as using solar power to dry grain.

Many other impressive entries have been received. Nominations, in up to 250 words, with photographs (non-returnable) if possible and a daytime telephone number for those nominated as essential, should be sent to: ***The Times/PM* Environment Awards, PO Box 486, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN** and should arrive by last post next Friday.

Airport expansion

£421m terminal goes ahead

By Ian Smith

Funding negotiations for a second international terminal at Manchester Airport, costing £421 million, were under way yesterday after expansion plans were approved.

Work on the first phase, estimated to cost £243 million, will begin in April and the complex will be completed in 1995. It is expected to increase passenger capacity to 23 million.

The new terminal is likely to provide 10,000 jobs at the airport with another 30,000 in support industries throughout the North-west.

Manchester, which has long been considered the poor provincial relative of Heathrow and Gatwick, is now poised to compete for prime international routes, including five in North America. If government talks over reciprocal landing rights are settled, daily flights will operate from Manchester to New York, Boston and Chicago. Talks are also under way for daily flights to Singapore.

A decision to build the second terminal was agreed in principle last year but protracted discussions about funding delayed a final commitment.

Two proposals to raise the money are now being considered: borrowing through the Public Works Loans Board, as has been done in the past, or opting for a lease and leaseback formula, with the money borrowed through another company.

There was concern over the first option because the Government would not guarantee, over the next three or four years, that the airport would be granted the necessary borrowing powers. This was exemplified by a recent government announcement that borrowing over the next year would be restricted to £10 million.

A drawback of the second option, believes Manchester Airport PLC, which yesterday approved the expansion plans, is that £50 million-£60 million would be added to the overall cost.

The final decision on the funding option to be adopted will be made in June. Meanwhile, Mr Graham Stringer, airport chairman, will seek a meeting with Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, and argue the airport's case for wider borrowing powers.

Mr Stringer, who is also leader of Manchester City Council, said the new terminal would greatly assist the economic regeneration of the North-west.

Drug firm blocks advice to doctors

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A drug company has prevented doctors and patients from receiving information about one of its products by taking out an injunction against the Department of Health.

The unprecedented action by Organon Laboratories, of Cambridge, has blocked publication in a bulletin issued to doctors by the Committee on the Safety of Medicines.

The department said yesterday that it would fight the injunction when the case is heard in the High Court on February 13.

The dispute is over information put out in its bulletin, *Current Problems*, by the committee on an anti-depressant drug, Bolvidon, which is made by the company.

However, Organon obtained a High Court injunction at the beginning of this month to prevent the bulletin being published. The article on the drug has now been removed from the edition.

The department said yesterday that it would defend its view in court. "We also feel that the data sheet issued by the company for this product should be amended."

The company said yesterday it had resorted to legal action after failing to persuade the department to consider specific benefits of the drug.

"We wanted the department to weigh the risks and benefits in their advice to doctors. It was because this balance was not struck that we sought an injunction", the company said.

"The implication may be that we have taken this action solely for commercial reasons and I must emphasize this is not the case. While commercial considerations are involved, the over-riding issue is one of safety", it said.

About a million prescriptions for the drug, whose generic name is mianserin, were written in Britain last year.

A letter in today's issue of *The Lancet* gives a warning that the case has important implications, which may not be resolved at the High Court hearing.

Cash cut for fish food researchers

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Research at Britain's only laboratory serving the fishing industry, the Torry Rearch Station, Aberdeen, is to be cut by a third unless the industry is willing to finance it.

According to the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, the threatened projects cover such matters as fish spoilage, refrigeration and shelf-life. The 40 staff whose jobs may go are engaged, among other things, in testing packaging, chilling and refrigeration techniques against food-related bacteria, such as salmonella, listeria and botulism.

The proposed cuts, amounting to £1,200,000, are part of the Government's plans to cut public expenditure on "near market" agricultural and food research, which it believes should be funded by the food and farming industry.

But Mr Joe Duckworth, the institution's negotiator, said yesterday that the cuts at Torry contradicted the Government's assurance this week that it would continue to support research into food safety. "This shameful decision shows that the Government puts penny-pinching above public health", he said. "Scientists at Torry and the fish industry are shocked."

It would be impossible to obtain alternative funding, he claimed. Three quarters of fish processing firms employed 10 or fewer people, in an industry struggling to cope with shrinking fish stocks, more distant fishing zones and EEC harmonization requirements.

Government financial assistance to the Sea Fish Industry Authority, which was established to promote marketing and consumption, comes to an end in March. During the past five years the authority has received nearly £12 million in grants and is now seeking to make good the future shortfall by raising the statutory levy on all fish landings from £3.50 to around £7.50 a tonne.

The authority said yesterday that it had been notified of the Torry cuts, but was unable to say whether it would be in a position to take over the funding.

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Scots plea to derate businesses

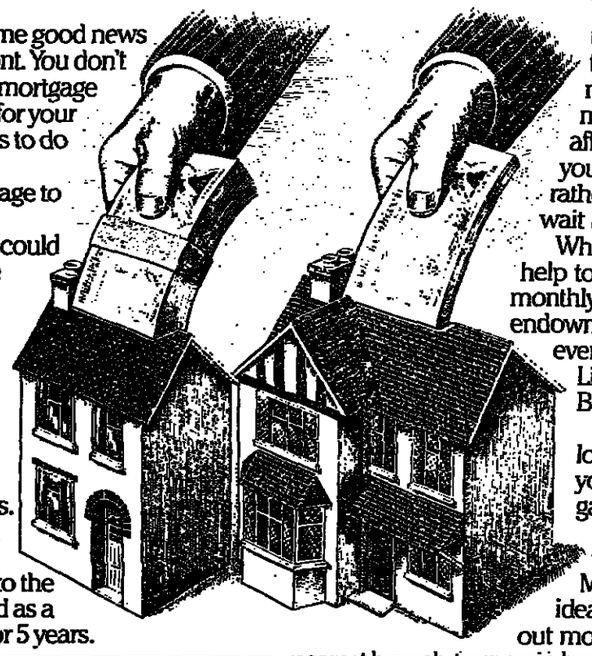
Derating for hotels, shops and industrial premises is necessary if Scottish businesses are not to suffer disadvantages in competition with firms in the North of England, the Government was told yesterday.

The Scottish Council (Development and Industry) believes the measures are essential until non-domestic rates are harmonized throughout the UK during the 1990s.

The Scots branch of the Confederation of British Industry and the Chambers of Commerce are worried that some of their members will continue to be liable for higher business rates.

Mr Ian Lang, minister responsible for industry and local government finance at the Scottish Office, told a conference on non-domestic rates in Livingstone yesterday that he is to set up a committee to advise on rating.

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Anglo-German differences

Howe lectures Bonn over need to keep pressure on Russia

From Ian Murray, Bonn

Speaking for the hawks of Nato, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, tried hard here yesterday to persuade Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, to have the courage of the alliance's convictions.

Sir Geoffrey urged an end to Herr Genscher's attempts to stop the sale to Jordan of eight Tornado aircraft built by a British, West German and Italian consortium.

With the support of Herr Genscher's Federal Democratic Party, the Bundestag yesterday voted to refer the sale to four different parliamentary committees, effectively delaying the necessary West German approval, perhaps to a point where the sale is cancelled.

Were this to happen, it would cast a shadow over next month's Anglo-German summit in Frankfurt.

In the event, yesterday's meeting between the two foreign ministers was devoted mainly to East-West relations in the light of *perestroika*.

Sir Geoffrey argued that the alliance must not drop its guard just because the Soviet Union was making long-overdue arms reductions. On the contrary, he urged Herr Genscher to agree quickly to update Nato's arsenal of short-range nuclear weapons so that it could stand firm against the Soviet threat. That was the surest way, he said, of forcing President Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, to make more concessions. In any case, Nato's forces were still vastly outnumbered, he said.

But Herr Genscher has a strong reason for wanting to delay a decision to update the missiles — the federal election at the end of next year. He knows it would be electorally highly unpopular to agree to modernization, and he hopes the Soviet Union's decision to proceed with unilateral disarmament will make it unnecessary.

The scientists who will have to do the research and development of the new generation of missiles want a decision by the time of the Nato Council meetings in May and June. These will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the alliance, and there is the chance of a celebratory summit in London which Mrs Thatcher would like to mark by an agreement on modernization.

Herr Genscher, however, argues that it is perfectly possible to delay a final decision until at least the end of 1990, which would further détente by sending the right signal to Moscow.

Brussels (Reuter) — A new EEC fraud investigation is to give top priority to swindles carried out at the expense of the farm budget. Spending on agriculture amounted to 27.5 billion Ecus (£18 billion) last year, and estimates are that fraud accounted for some 10 per cent of this figure. Some important frauds uncovered have involved meat: beef traders can claim subsidies when selling to countries in which prices are lower than those guaranteed in the EEC.

The popularity with the German public of a delay — or cancellation —of missile modernization also appears to have swayed Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who recently reprimanded his Defence Minister, Herr Rupert Scholz, for saying modernization could not be deferred.

Herr Scholz will, in fact, be in London next week to discuss such matters with Mr George Younger, the Defence Secretary. Another item on their agenda will be a West German demand to reduce the amount of low-flying training over the federal republic, which Britain is anxious to avoid.

The Tornado sale seems just to have burst on to Herr Genscher's consciousness, although it was announced in October and approved by Herr Kohl — even though he refused federal funding for it, prompting Mrs Thatcher to write expressing her disappointment — which may explain why the Chancellor raised no objections when the Bavarian Bank put together a DM 370 million (£113 million) financial package for it.

Herr Genscher, seeking to block the sale, raised the matter strongly in Cabinet last Tuesday, reminding the Chancellor of the federal law which prohibits the sale of raw materials to areas of tension.

The same argument was used in Parliament yesterday by the Social Democratic opposition in leading the vote against the deal. Now the economics committee, foreign affairs committee, defence committee and development aid committee are to discuss the sale and make recommendations to Parliament. It will be at least a fortnight before the committees can meet. The summit is scheduled for February 20.

Moreover, now that Panavia, a West German daughter firm of the three-nation consortium, wants to sell Tornados to South Korea, Herr Genscher's party is pressing for talks to define the rules on arms exports.

This, again, is a popular electoral cause, particularly now that West Germany is in so much international bad odour for being involved in the construction of the Libyan chemical factory.

In short, therefore, the working meeting yesterday was spent with Sir Geoffrey trying to harden West Germany's image and Herr Genscher trying to soften it.

Arafat presses EEC for more support

From Harry Debelius, Madrid



King Juan Carlos of Spain welcoming Mr Yassir Arafat to the Zarzuela Palace in Madrid for an audience yesterday after the PLO chairman's meeting with EEC foreign ministers.

A delegation of EEC Foreign Ministers listened yesterday to Mr Yassir Arafat's arguments for recognition of his Palestine "government", but they did not make any responding commitment.

During the meeting Mr Arafat explained why he considers EEC pressure important for the establishment of a Middle East peace conference.

At the same time the chairman of the three-member EEC delegation, Señor Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, undoubtedly informed the PLO chairman of the reaction he received from the Israeli Government to the peace conference proposal during a recent trip to Tel Aviv — that governments who want to participate in peacemaking should keep their distance from the parties involved in the conflict.

During a dinner in honour of Mr Arafat last Thursday, the Prime Minister, Señor Felipe González, is thought to have told his guest that Spain does not feel it is the right moment to recognize a state of Palestine.

In a recent letter to Señor González, the PLO leader asked him, as president of the EEC, to seek EEC recognition of a Palestine state.

When Mr Arafat left the Foreign Ministry to call on King Juan Carlos after a two-hour session with the foreign ministers, a crowd of a few hundred applauded him. After his audience with the King, he was guest of honour at a luncheon hosted by Señor Fernández Ordóñez, which was also attended by the other two members of the "troika", the foreign ministers of Greece, which held the EEC presidency prior to Spain, and France, which takes over on July 1.

The three foreign ministers' mandate is to investigate the prospects of bringing peace to the Middle East and to report to a meeting of EEC foreign ministers here on February 14.

A clear indication of differing attitudes within the EEC on the PLO question was the absence of a Frenchman among the score of diplomats who welcomed Mr Arafat on Thursday night.

● JERUSALEM: Israel condemned the talks between the three EEC foreign ministers and Mr Arafat, warning the Europeans that their step would only encourage violence (Reuter reports).

"Israel is gravely disappointed by the meeting," a Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mr Daniel Shek, said in a statement. He said that, despite softer rhetoric towards the West, PLO leaders had stated clearly and repeatedly in the Arab world that they have not recognized Israel or renounced violence.

Threat to Mayor of Bethlehem is denied

By David Rowan

The dispute over whether Mr Yassir Arafat actually threatened Mr Elias Freij, the Mayor of Bethlehem, is still continuing, although Mr Bassam Abu Sharif, Mr Arafat's political adviser, has claimed that "words were put into the mouth of Yassir Arafat" and that the allegations of a threat were based on a misquotation.

On Wednesday the Israeli Embassy in London issued a statement rebuking the Foreign Office for "naivety" in ignoring "the obvious meaning of Arafat's personal threats directed at the Palestinian mayor of Bethlehem", which it went on to claim was inconsistent with his earlier renunciation of terrorism.

In a speech made on January 1 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Mr Arafat was widely reported to have said: "Whoever thinks of stopping the *intifada* (uprising) before it achieves its goals, I will give him 10 bullets in the chest." The threat was reported on Arabic Radio Monte Carlo, by the Kuwaiti news agency, and by the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Anba*.

Speaking on Radio Monte Carlo a day later, he repeated the warning: "Any Palestinian leader who proposes an end to the *intifada* exposes himself to the bullets of his own people and endangers his life. The PLO will know how to deal with him."

Mr Sharif, however, claimed that Mr Arafat had been incompletely quoted. According to Whitehall sources, Mr Sharif on Wednesday told Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, that Mr Arafat had said that "he was not able to stop the *intifada* even if he wanted to, and in his view anyone who tried would get 10 bullets in the chest".

Yet within hours of the January 2 broadcast, Mr Freij had withdrawn his call for a one-year truce to the uprising in the occcupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Although Mr Freij denied that he had been threatened, the next morning Mr Moshe Arens, the Israeli Foreign Minister, cited Mr Arafat's statement, which he claimed demonstrated Israel's contention that Mr Arafat was a terrorist. "We are convinced that establishing contacts or, worse yet, extending recognition to the PLO, cannot possibly promote peace in the Middle East," Mr Arens said. "It is bound to encourage extremism and further acts of violence."

Mr Freij had first suggested the truce in interviews last month, when he said that Palestinians might stop the violent attacks of the year-long uprising if Israel released all the prisoners it holds as security threats and halted provocative measures against Arabs.

He suggested that the UN Security Council should sponsor the truce and during a visit to Romania he asked President Ceausescu to discuss it with the PLO. However, Mr Freij retracted the proposal in a statement late on January 2, following Mr Arafat's warning that anyone proposing an end to the *intifada* was exposing himself "to the bullets of his own people".

"I have the right to make a proposal but the PLO has the right to make decisions," he said, "and if they have decided that the time is not suitable or the idea is not suitable, I certainly respect that."

Mr Freij did not think that Mr Arafat had made threats directed against any particular person, but conceded that the response had not been encouraging among Palestinians.

Mr George Shultz, then US Secretary of State, told journalists on January 4 that Mr Arafat's threat fitted "very badly" with the US understanding of the PLO's renunciation of terrorism.

Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan

Japan envoys follow US out of Kabul

By Our Foreign Staff

The decision by the United States to close its embassy in Kabul could encourage an exodus of foreign diplomats from the beleaguered Afghan capital, Western envoys said yesterday.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry in Tokyo said yesterday that it was closing its mission and its three staff members were being sent home for their safety.

A spokesman said that the Government had for some time advised Japanese to stay away from Afghanistan. The closure of the embassy had been decided in view of the worsening situation in Kabul.

He said that the three diplomats, including Mr Keiki Hiraga, the Chargé d'Affaires, would leave Afghanistan as soon as possible, probably for India.

The Japanese Ambassador to Afghanistan had not been stationed in Kabul since 1987, he said.

Several Western diplomats said that the US decision, announced on Thursday by Mr James Baker, the Secretary of State, would inevitably increase pressure on their governments to pull them out in the face of political and press opinion at home. One said: "It weighs the scales heavily against our staying, but it isn't 100 per cent."

Amid the speculation, General Dmitri Yazov, the Soviet Defence Minister, flew in on a previously unannounced visit, less than three weeks before the last of his troops were due to leave Afghanistan.

A Soviet Embassy official said that General Yazov was meeting President Najibullah, but could give no further details.

The visit coincided with a sudden burst of activity from Afghan government artillery, which pounded Mujahidin rebel positions in the snow-covered mountains around the city.

The past few days had seen little military activity near Kabul, despite crisp, clear mid-winter weather.

Western diplomats said that the minister had probably come to make a final review of the withdrawal, which began several days ago in giant Ilyushin 76 transport planes.

Some envoys said that the final decision whether to stay or go would be taken in their home capitals.

Mr Ian Mackley, the British Chargé d'Affaires, said: "It's another element in a continuing saga of consideration and consultation."

Geneva — Having taken "all possible precautions", delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross are staying on in Kabul (Alan McGregor writes). The delegation comprises some 40 foreigners, two-thirds of them Swiss. Others are New Zealand, Australian and Scandinavian doctors and nurses.

Some embassies are close to potential targets in central Kabul. The US mission is next to the radio headquarters, while several embassies are near the presidential palace.

But many diplomats are concerned for the moment about being trapped in the city by rebel rocket attacks on the airport. Soviet forces are helping to man its defences and fly patrolling helicopters. But the fear is that after the Soviet withdrawal on February 15, the Afghan armed forces would not be able to protect it.

The only road route still open is the Salang highway north towards the Soviet border, which passes through high mountains where the guerrillas are strong.

One diplomat said: "I don't think I am in any danger at all from a military situation. But the airport is a strategic target and will be under attack. The Mujahidin have no heavy mortars to crater the runway, but they could set off a barrage at the planes themselves."

Most embassies and aid agencies cut their staff last August during a period of heavy rebel rocket attacks on Kabul. The US has some 16 expatriates, Britain 18, France five, Italy six, Turkey and Japan four each.

The United Nations aid bodies have steadily reduced their numbers from 150, including families, last June, to about 14, with a further five due to go by the end of January.

"As of yesterday, the remaining eight or nine are staying on," Mr Ross Mountain, a UN official, said at his agency's sandbagged headquarters. "It will depend on circumstances."

The UN Good Offices Mission for Afghanistan and Pakistan (Ungomap) has 23 officers and nine support staff monitoring the Soviet withdrawal and alleged incursions by the rival Islamabad and Kabul governments.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has some 65 expatriates in Kabul. About 20 lay Protestant missionaries have left already, but another five or six are staying on.

Not all envoys are happy at the prospect of a recall. One French diplomat said: "People talk rubbish. It's beautiful weather, there are no rockets, it's very quiet now. Kabul is like the French Riviera. I feel on vacation here."

LaRouche jailed for 15 years

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Lyndon LaRouche, the maverick political extremist, was sentenced yesterday to 15 years' imprisonment for having tried to defraud tax collectors and for failing to repay more than $30 million (£17 million) in loans raised from his political supporters.

His chief fundraiser, William Wertz, was sentenced to five years in prison and an $11,000 (£6,000) fine, and a similar term was imposed on Edward Spannaus, a legal co-ordinator for LaRouche. Related charges against LaRouche, six associates and five organizations were dropped.

LaRouche, a perennial presidential candidate who began on the far left and moved to the far right, was told by a district judge in Alexandria, near Washington, that he had been convicted of a "serious crime" and described his claim that the Government had prosecuted him out of political motives as "arrant nonsense".

LaRouche's stiff sentence was still far less than the maximum penalty on 13 counts of tax and mail fraud conspiracy, which could have brought him a sentence of 65 years in prison and a fine of $3.25 million.

Before he was sentenced, LaRouche told the judge that his case had done "great damage to the United States". He demanded a halt to this "evil and reckless prosecution".

LaRouche, whose bizarre claims include an assertion that the Queen heads an international drug smuggling conspiracy and that Dr Henry Kissinger, the former US Secretary of State, is a communist agent, has long been rejected by most Americans as an obsessive fanatic.

Four LaRouche fund-raisers still await sentencing in Alexandria.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Mitterrand seeks truth on trading

Paris — In a letter to his Prime Minister, M Michel Rocard, President Mitterrand yesterday said firmly that he wants next week's report on insider trading by the financial watchdog of the Paris Stock Exchange to be made public (Susan MacDonald writes).

But the Commission des Opérations de Bourse said it would send tp the Finance Ministry its findings on last year's share dealings — by people who include two of his old friends — as negotiations proceeded for the $1.2 billion takeover by the state aluminium concern Pechiney of an American packaging company; the decision whether to publish and to open a judicial inquiry would be taken by the ministry. M Mitterrand's insistence on publication shows he feels that the only way to defuse a growing financial and political scandal is by demanding the truth.

Cooper trial query

Mr Gordon Pirie, the British charge d'affaires in Tehran, is expected to call on the Iranian Foreign Ministry today to seek clarification of a minister's statement that Mr Roger Cooper, the Briton held without trial would be punished according to Islamic law (Michael Evans writes). Yesterday Mr Ahkunzadeh Basti, Iran's charge d'affaires in London, sought to calm British fears about Mr Cooper, maintaining that Iran's courts were independent of the Government.

Chinese snub to UK

Hong Kong — In a deliberate diplomatic snub to Britain, China has renewed demands that all Vietnamese refugees leave before Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule in 1997 (Jonathan Braude writes). Mr Xi Jiatun, head of the Xinhua news agency in Hong Kong, ignored a strong Foreign Office protest at similar "unhelpful" remarks last week by Mr Li Hou, deputy director of the Chinese Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, and demanded an early solution.

UN rebuke for Israel

New York — Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, has rebuked Israel for its "iron-fist" policy in the occupied territories, despite a recent signal by Jerusalem that it would be willing to see him play a role in the Middle East peace process (James Bone writes). He told a UN committee on Palestinian rights: "The innocent civilians killed, mutilated or wounded ... makes it incumbent on us to find a way of bringing the parties to the negotiating table."

Activist wins release

Belgrade (Reuter) — A youth official was freed from jail yesterday after intervention by Yugoslavia's first official human rights group. Villagers in Mosevac, in the republic of Bosnia-Hercegovena, accused the administration and police of interference in elections. Mr Djevad Galijasevic, aged 27, charged with obstructing the police, supported claims that Mosevac's leaders embezzled public funds. He was released after a two-week hunger strike because of poor health.

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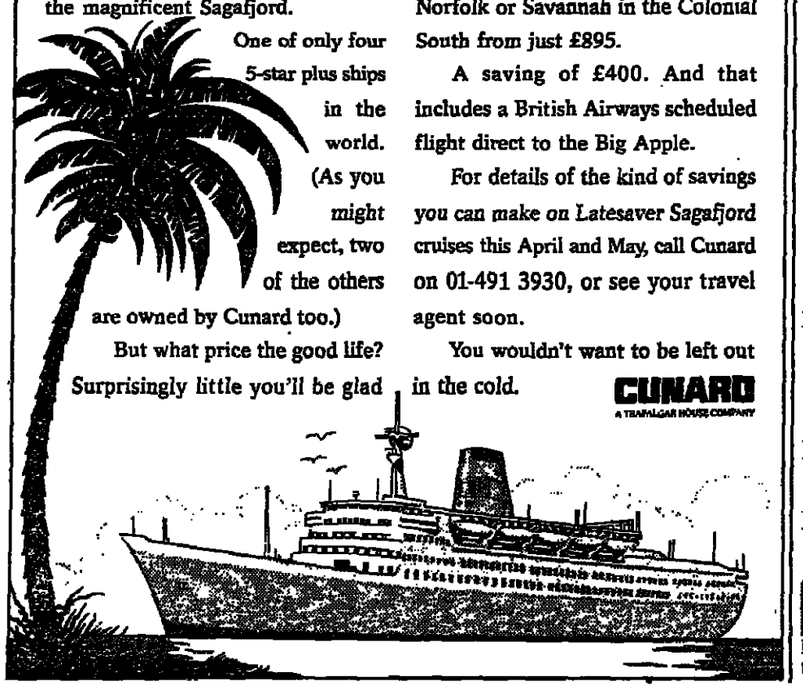
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Dutch vote to free two jailed Nazis

From Mark Fuller, Amsterdam

The Dutch Parliament yesterday voted in favour of releasing two German war criminals who have been held in a Breda prison for the past 44 years.

The 150-seat legislature defeated by 85 votes to 55 a motion by the opposition Labour Party which called on the Government to keep the two men in jail indefinitely. There were 10 abstentions.

Ferdinand aus der Fuenten, aged 79, and Franz Fischer, aged 87, were sentenced to life imprisonment for their involvement in the arrest, transport and extermination of 10,000 Dutch Jews during the Second World War.

The Government said further imprisonment of the men was "senseless and inhuman". It added that the two would be deported to West Germany, but would not say when. The pardon first has to be signed formally by the Queen.

The government plan to release the men, which was revealed earlier this week, was vigorously opposed by many people who experienced the German occupation.

One Jewish organization described yesterday as "a black day for the country".



Ferdinand aus der Fuenten, left, and Franz Fischer, who are to be freed after 44 years in a Dutch jail for Nazi war crimes.



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Bush moves fast to exorcise the ghost of the Reagan years

It has been a week of symbolism so pointed as to puncture with deadly comparisons any lingering presence of Mr Ronald Reagan.

President Bush, having reassured the world with a message of continuity and paid generous inauguration tribute to his former boss, has been proclaiming vigorously that in both style and substance the Reagan era is over.

From an energetic working schedule that began on his first day at 7.20am to his remarks to White House staff that he expects the lights to "burn brightly well into the night", from his refusal to respond to journalists' shouted questions at photo-opportunities to his impromptu 20-minute jog at an army base near by, Mr Bush has been making deliberate statements about himself and the very different way that he intends to conduct the nation's business. Throughout the week he has been telling all those who will work for him that he will no longer tolerate "sleaze".

He told 3,700 senior civil servants that "the guiding principle will be simply to know right from wrong; to act in accordance with what is right, and to avoid even the appearance of what is wrong". It is a cutting contrast with Mr Reagan's spirited defence of his old, ethically compromised crony, Mr Edwin Meese, the former Attorney General.

Even in making these gestures Mr Bush demonstrated a different attitude to government. Mr Reagan frequently mocked the bureaucracy, contributing much to the decline in civil service morale with such jokes as his contention that the most frightening words in English were: "I'm from the Government and I'm here to help".

In his first week, Mr Bush appeared in person before the maligned civil service to tell it: "Government service is a noble calling and a public trust'." He called public service a valued and respected profession in which he would like to see America's young pursuing careers.

His voice was hoarse as he spoke to them. Even this occasioned a contrast with President Reagan. The White House announced that Mr Bush had a cold — something the former President would never admit, so that aides had to blame "allergies" whenever he was stuffed up and snuffling.

Clearly, the Bush routine — which will include running his own errands as well as sudden forays out into the real world to buy ice-cream or go to the cinema — is intended to be very different from the passive, aloof majesty of the past eight years. Mr Reagan had a precise regimen, a schedule scripted by others, where even off-the-cuff remarks were planned for the cameras.

Mr Bush is seeking a humbler, more natural style. He intends to live the life that his predecessor only talked about. For though Mr Reagan spoke of family values, he was estranged from his own family; in the Bush White House there will be grandchildren galore.

Mr Reagan spoke much of religion and school prayer; it is Mr Bush who attends church. Mr Reagan cultivated the rugged image of the cowboy on horseback and told sentimental war stories; Mr Bush is the decorated war hero. Mr Reagan exuded manly bonhomie, but had few close friends; Mr Bush has a wide circle of pals and means to keep in touch.

Mr Bush is too much of a loyalist to criticize his predecessor overtly. But he knows he needs to impress his own personality on the nation swiftly. For ever since President Kennedy's dynamic first 100 days, a new US President is expected to get off to a fast start.

Usually he has done so with a blitz of domestic initiatives and proposals and by renouncing almost everything that came before. That is not possible this time, as the intractable social problems are not amenable to quick remedies, and anyway there is no money.

Mr Bush's own former role as Vice-President means that contrast and continuity have to be more finely balanced. He has demonstrated continuity in his Cabinet appointments. But now, from his inaugural address onwards, he needs contrast in order to establish momentum.

Already one clear difference is the "outstretched hand" offered to Congress. Instead of the confrontation Mr Reagan deliberately sought as he swept into office, Mr Bush is calling for bipartisan government to solve the nation's problems. He invited top Democrats as well as Republicans to his first meeting with congressional leaders. His "kinder, gentler" vision has become a cliché as he draws in minorities, political opponents, all those who were left in the cold in the previous Administration.

He is, of course, making a virtue out of necessity. Unlike the Reagan era, Mr Bush's party does not now control the Senate, nor can he ride roughshod over the Democrats with a clearly defined mandate widely endorsed by the voters. But Mr Bush cannot afford to let consensus and conciliation look like weakness.

Hence his challenge in his first week, not to Congress, but to the ghost of Ronald Reagan. Only when that is exorcised from public perception can Mr Bush use the office of the presidency, made broader and more authoritative by his predecessor, to outline those things that he wants to do but failed to tell the nation about during the election campaign.

Washington View
By Michael Binyon

Senate confirmation hearings

Star Wars faces cut in budget spending

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr John Tower, the Defence Secretary-designate, said at his confirmation hearings that he did not think it would be possible to build an impregnable space shield to protect the entire American population from nuclear attack, thereby distancing himself from President Reagan's concept of the Strategic Defence Initiative.

He also told the Senate armed services committee that he had been paid over $750,000 (£423,000) as a consultant for leading defence contractors over the past 2½ years, but said this would not influence his decisions in his new job.

He said the Bush Administration was having another look at Mr Reagan's request for $5.7 billion for SDI research, suggesting that Star Wars will be a prime target for Pentagon budget cuts.

He still favoured early deployment of the space-based defence system, but he acknowledged the need to retard growth in military spending. Mr Reagan's final budget envisaged a rise of 50 per cent in SDI spending. His caution and dismissal of the Reagan vision of an impenetrable space shield — which has already been ruled out as impossible by scientists — suggests the Bush Administration will undertake a full review of space weapons as part of its overall look at strategy and its reconsideration of US proposals at the strategic arms talks with the Russians. Mr Tower had formerly been an enthusiastic supporter of SDI.

Mr Tower, who was vigorously criticized before his nomination, admitted wryly that he had discovered in the last two months that he was not the most popular man in town. Questioning, however, was surprisingly gentle in the first two days of testimony, which continues on Tuesday. He is expected to finish next week with overwhelming confirmation by the Senate.

The former senator from Texas and chairman of the armed services committee from 1881 to 1984 was asked by his former colleagues about the idea that he would not be able to isolate himself from decisions involving his former defence contracting clients. He replied that he had always acted "within the bounds of law and ethics" and was prepared to "go beyond what I am legally required to do" to ensure impartiality.

Figures showed that last year alone, Mr Tower earned a total of $842,476, with almost half the amount coming from defence contractors. He repeated assurances that he had severed all ties with them.

He said he hoped to cut down on the proliferation of consulting contracts in the Pentagon, such as those he enjoyed after leaving the Senate. He wanted to slow the "revolving door" between Government and defence manufacturers — a link that is central to the current Pentagon procurement scandal.

Mr Tower said he strongly supported development of anti-satellite weapons. He also defended the Reagan Administration concept of a 600-ship navy, saying this was the "leading edge" of US strength. But he acknowledged that budget constraints could make that goal unattainable.

Veterans of the Cuba crisis meet in Moscow



Mr Robert McNamara, the former US Defence Secetary, right, and Mr Andrei Gromyko, the former veteran Soviet Foreign Minister, recalling old times yesterday before a conference in Moscow on the lessons of the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, in which both men played important roles. Looking on, centre, is Mr Anatoly Dobrynin, one-time Soviet Ambassador in Washington. Mr Gromyko recently broke his customary silence to reveal what happened when he met President Kennedy in the White House at the height of the row over Cuba. One lesson to be learnt from that confrontation, he said, is that there should be no outside interference in a country's internal affairs.

Duarte out of step with Washington

US hails rebel peace offer

From Tom Gibb, San Salvador

The Bush Administration has given a much more favourable response than the Government here to a radical rebel offer made in an attempt to end a civil war which has cost an estimated 70,000 lives.

President Duarte of El Salvador, who is dying of cancer, on Wednesday dismissed the document as "a proposal for war not peace," and called on the guerrillas of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) to lay down their arms.

But the US State Department, when it finally broke silence the next day, disagreed. "Any proposal such as this is worthy of serious and substantive consideration, which it is receiving," the State Department spokesman, Mr Charles Redman, said. He added that President Duarte's comments did not amount to a rejection of the plan.

Another American official privately described Señor Duarte's comments as "inappropriate". He said: "They should come up with a counter-proposal, but they are running out of time."

The FMLN itself has played down the initial rejection of its plan, although it gave a warning that, if this continued to be the case, there would be a dramatic escalation of the war, in which 70,000 have already died.

"Without this opening," said the FMLN spokesman, Señor Salvador Samayoa, "there will be a social explosion of great proportions."

In the plan, which was handed to the Government on Monday, the rebels for the first time offered to participate indirectly in presidential elections, which they have always called a farce, in return for a postponement of the poll from March to September.

The rebels dropped long-standing demands for a share of power and an integration of the armies, saying they could be represented at the polls by political allies in El Salvador who are already campaigning in elections.

The right-wing Arena party, which is ahead in the polls, called the offer a trap designed to rob them of electoral victory.

Although negotiations are now unlikely, diplomats say pressure from the US and Europe could yet force the Salvadorean Government to the table, especially since the powerful military has not yet commented publicly on the rebel plan. The military is totally dependent on the United States to finance the war effort.

The problem for the Bush Administration is that, even if the document was only proposed in the knowledge that it would be rejected, as some diplomats suggest, the extent of rebel concessions would give them a very strong position in a Democrat-dominated Congress which controls the purse strings.

Jackson backs 'African American' label

From Charles Bremner
New York

In race and politics, there is much in a name. For the first time since the early 1970s, US blacks are being urged by influential leaders to shun that label and replace it with a new term: "African American". And just as "black" was resisted by traditional "Negroes", so the latest campaign for change has run into opposition from many members of the race.

The Rev Jesse Jackson, by far the most politically powerful black figure, has declared 1989 the year in which blacks should drop the designation claimed in the late 1960s and join all the other ethnic Americans who identify themselves with the lands of their ancestors.

"To be called African American has cultural integrity," Mr Jackson says. "Just as you have Chinese Americans who have a sense of roots in China, or Europeans, every ethnic group in the country has a reference to some land base, some historical cultural base."

Mr Jackson told African leaders in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, last week: "There is no cultural integrity in skin colour. In our history books, there is a tremendous denial of the tragic truth of the slave trade . . . there is a grand deletion of our history as Americans, a gaping hole in our culture." The new name embodies a subtle but important distinction from "Afro-American", implying identification with an alien and radical political culture that some blacks tried to popularize in the 1970s.

Mr Jackson says the new term is a way of making young blacks feel they hail from the mainstream, like other groups, such as Polish or Jewish Americans. Mr Jackson says American blacks, embittered by what they see as a new tide of racism, are angry about their current label, and he quotes a *Chicago Sun-Times* survey which showed 60 per cent of blacks favouring the change.

For all the efforts of Mr Jackson and his supporters to explain the new label as a "cultural coming of age", however, many blacks do not like it. Some white commentators have also been expressing their disapproval delicately, although many believe Mr Jackson's power is such that "black" will have acquired a derogatory ring by the end of the year.

Mr Martin Peretz, publisher of the *New Republic*, suggested this week that Mr Jackson was distracting attention from more urgent imperatives. "Moreover, given that illiteracy is one of the greatest burdens borne by American blacks, I wonder why Jackson thinks it wise to canonize a pre-literate culture," he said.

His tone was typical of the irritation towards the politics of the black community that has become widespread and tolerated even among the liberal establishment over the past few years. A growing consensus holds that the black urban community cannot continue to blame crippling social and economic problems simply on history and racial discrimination.

Many blacks also say they can see no reason to drop "black". Mr Charles Wright, founder and chairman of the Museum of African American History in Detroit, said: "We have kids that are going to be really out of step with the technological developments in the country. They are not only unemployed but unemployable, and we should be doing something about that right now, instead of worrying about what Jesse Jackson says."

Other black critics say that Mr Jackson's idea runs counter to a striving among the race here to forget its African origin.

The most telling comment on the whole argument came from William Raspberry, a prominent black columnist who writes for *The Washington Post*. He said the change might be "a reflection less of logic than of despair". The process that took blacks from coloured to Negro to black also applied to the transition from crippled to handicapped to disabled, he said. "After a quarter-century of optimism regarding our eventual acceptance into the American mainstream, we sense a turning back of the racial clock. That renewed sense of our outsideness may be the real force behind the drive to change the name by which we are called."

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Soviet babies get Aids virus in dirty syringes

Moscow (AFP) — Twenty-seven babies in a Soviet hospital have been contaminated with the Aids virus, probably through use of unsterilized syringes, a daily newspaper reported.

Mr Valentin Pokrovsky, the head of the Soviet Medical Academy and a leading Aids specialist, told *Trud* that the children's hospital in Elista, the capital of the Kalmyk Autonomous Republic in the southern Soviet Union, was visibly in the throes of an epidemic caused by infected needles. A criminal investigation had been launched, *Trud* said, blaming the criminal negligence of hospital workers and nurses.

Poll violence

Dhaka (Reuter) — One man was killed and more than 100 people injured in clashes brought on by municipal election rivalries in Bangladesh.

Benin arrests

Cotonou (Reuter) — Senior government officials and former ministers were among people detained in the West African state of Benin after riots and labour unrest in the political capital, Porto Novo.

Acid spillage

Moscow (Reuter) — A Soviet goods train was derailed in the Volga region, spilling concentrated acid but causing no injuries, Tass said.

Name change

New York (Reuter) — Colgate-Palmolive is renaming its Darkie toothpaste, popular in Asia, Darlie, after three years' pressure by shareholders, religious groups and blacks.

Dali premium

Madrid (Reuter) — The first sale of a work by Surrealist painter Salvador Dali since his death on Monday fetched 15 million pesetas (£74,000), three times the catalogue price, Sotheby's said.

Turkish blasts

Istanbul (Reuter) — Bomb blasts hit a US-Turkish business group and two other offices in seemingly co-ordinated attacks by left-wing guerrillas here and in Ankara.

Zaire talks

Brussels (AP) — Belgium and its former colony, Zaire, will meet for a high-level conference to discuss their deteriorating relations, the official Zairean news agency said.

Palme move

Stockholm (Reuter) — A Swedish court extended by a week a detention order against a man suspected of assassinating the Prime Minister, Olof Palme, in 1986.

Mail opening

Seoul (AP) — South Korea plans to propose the resumption of postal services with North Korea, opening the way for citizens to exchange letters for the first time since 1945.

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Riyadh (Reuter) — A Saudi Arabian in his 100th year married a woman, aged 76, in Mecca and headed for the hill resort of Taif for a honeymoon, a newspaper said.

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Leaked report reveals losing battle against organized crime

£125 a murder for Mafia boy killers

From Paul Bompard and Roger Boyes, Rome

Killers as young as 10 years old are the Sicilian Mafia's newest method of carrying out assassinations. According to an official Senate report leaked this week, the Mafia is alive and well despite a wave of investigations, arrests and trials in recent years.

Sicilian criminal organizations have merely eliminated what the report describes as "dead branches" — which would account for some of the 298 Mafia murders in 1988 — and re-formed into a tighter, more secure structure.

One result has been that some activities, such as drug peddling and assassinations, are farmed out to small local Mafia groups, many of whom use young boys since under Italian law they cannot be prosecuted before they are 14. The report says the standard rate for a run-of-the-mill murder is 300,000 lira (£125).

The report was ordered last summer by President Cossiga after some investigators in Palermo complained that the anti-Mafia struggle was losing momentum. The publication of the report itself, however, has already sparked a political controversy.

Senator Claudio Vitalone, a member of the Senate Commission that visited Sicily in November and spoke to magistrates, police and local politicians, revealed the contents of the first draft of the report before its official approval by his colleagues, who are angered and have postponed its official reading.

The draft says that "the situation discovered in the course of the investigation is grave, because of the combined effects of lack of legislation, lack of men and means, and objective errors and delays in the response of the authorities. The Mafia has consolidated its presence in the territory, has become stronger, more threatening and more daring".

So the massive offensive launched in the early and mid-1980s, mostly on the basis of evidence supplied by "repentant" Mafia bosses Tommaso Buscetta and Salvatore Contorno, which resulted in huge trials with up to 400 defendants, would seem barely to have shaken the world's most famous criminal organization.

The picture given by the report is of slow inadequate investigations, with rivalries and suspicions among the investigators, and a flexible, agile Mafia that is powerful, rich, well-connected politically, ruthless and unencumbered by legal constraints.

A chilling example is the ease with which most of Contorno's close relatives — he is in hiding in the US — have been killed in a so-called "transversal vendetta" since he turned state's evidence.

Contorno warned in a recent television interview that the Mafia is firmly entrenched in Italian politics, not only in Sicily but also nationally.

Many of the most enterprising and brave anti-Mafia investigators have in recent years been murdered. Hope is now being placed on Signor Domenico Sica, a prominent anti-terrorism and anti-Mafia magistrate who has been made High Commissioner with special powers to fight against organized crime.

It remains to be seen if he will be able to accomplish what his predecessors have, to a great extent, failed to do.

Meanwhile, the national authorities have closed in for the first time on a politician with intimate connections to the Sicilian Mafia. Magistrates have recommended for prosecution Don Vito Ciancimino, a former Mayor of Palermo and an influential member of the island's Christian Democratic elite. He controlled the party in western Sicily from the mid-1960s to the early 1980s and enjoyed a good relationship with Christian Democratic governments.

He was placed under house arrest in 1984 after Buscetta implicated him in organized crime. A state prosecutor in Palermo, Signor Alberto De Pisa, is recommending his trial on charges of association with the Mafia, corruption and illegal export of capital.

Signor Ciancimino started in the construction business, made his fortune, and then turned to politics, serving briefly as a party adviser in Rome, before returning to Palermo as Commissioner for the Christian Democrats and councillor in charge of public works, a profitable post.

According to Italian academics studying organized crime, the Sicilian building sector is either in the hands of the Mafia or cowed by it. Politicians and city officials issue building permits, but first tip off Mafia contractors who buy up the land cheaply and sell dear. Politicians also accept poor, but Mafia-sponsored, bids for building concessions or they tip off Mafia contractors about rival bids.

Signor Ciancimino's lawyers say that the bulk of the evidence against the former mayor relates to relatively trivial exchange control offences. But the Palermo magistrate, Dr De Pisa, makes a case for Signor Ciancimino as a key launderer of Mafia money. The investigation, coordinated with Switzerland and Canada, shows that several million Canadian dollars — Sicilian drug money — were laundered through Montreal accounts. One, in the name of Signor Ciancimino's two sons, had been transferred from a Liechtenstein bank.

Apart from the evidence supplied by Buscetta, a crucial link came when a wealthy stockbroker, Michel Pozza, was shot outside his home. Pozza, involved with the Cotroni clan which runs part of the heroin business in Canada, had documents detailing Ciancimino bank accounts. According to the indictment, the former mayor's illicit income in the 1970s exceeded £1.5 million a year.

The high-level political support for Signor Ciancimino collapsed when he became too greedy. Mafia specialists, a sceptical breed, say that Signor Ciancimino has been offered as a sacrifice by his Christian Democratic colleagues, in the hope that the case will stifle any further investigation into the "Third Level", the code name for the complex relationship between politics and organized crime.



Signor Domenico Sica

Hopes are being placed on this magistrate to tackle the corruption



Don Vito Ciancimino

Faces accusations of laundering Sicilian drug money through Montreal accounts

Rhodesian war veteran indicts the white tribe

From Jan Raath, Harare

Mr Bruce Moore-King and Mr Christopher "Kit" Bawden grew up amid the scrub and boulders of rural Matabeleland in western Zimbabwe. They attended Milton School in Bulawayo, and if they were not in the same class, they would have been separated only by a year.

During Zimbabwe's liberation war, they fought in specialist units of the Rhodesian security forces.

Mr Bawden is now a fugitive from the law, living in South Africa. He was named in court last year as the man behind the bombing of an African National Congress residence in Bulawayo a year ago, and is expected to be cited again in at least two forthcoming trials involving a series of similar incidents. Two of his colleagues were sentenced to death for acts of terrorism in September, 1988.

However, Mr Moore-King, aged 37, has written a book that offers the first candid portrayal by a Rhodesian war veteran of the horror, boredom and errors of the conflict.

The book, *White Man, Black War*, is also an indictment of many of the "white tribe" of Rhodesians who stayed on to become Zimbabweans, or permanent residents, particularly Mr Ian Smith, the former Rhodesian Prime Minister and the tribe's "high priest".

Both Mr Bawden and Mr Moore-King are emotional casualties of the war: the former, with his convicted colleagues, continuing from where they left off at independence in 1980, only this time on behalf of the South African Defence Force. But Mr Moore-King, the operations manager for a Harare insurance company, is of more sensitive stuff than his former schoolmate.

I am still having problems adjusting to civilian life

"I am still having problems in adjusting to civilian life," Mr Moore-King said. "I have very little respect for human life. There are situations when someone annoys me, I think I should just take him out. It's very hard to take shuffling bits of paper around seriously."

The first half of the book is of some of his experiences in the war in which he served with seven different active units as infantryman and intelligence gatherer.

The killing of 123 black civilians in cross-fire between guerrillas and soldiers, the accidental killing of a black woman and two children, the torture of a "boss boy" spreadeagled on a bedstead with electrodes attached to his genitals, and the desolation of postwar trauma are described perceptively. Some of his observations are often eerily evocative.

He says the incidents are semi-autobiographical. He either participated in, witnessed, or was told of them shortly after by his "muckers" (comrades in arms). He denies that he has written the book as a cathartic confession. Indeed, *White Man, Black War* attributes as much of the violence to guerrillas as to the white Rhodesians. "It was a war not unlike most other wars," he said. "We were doing a job. I am not consciously aware of any guilt."

The second half of the book discloses his strongest feelings. Racism, he says, has taken on a "passionate tone" among many of the white Zimbabwean "Rhodies" since independence, and threatens the rest of the estimated 100,000 whites still here.

This whimpering and whining about shortages

After leaving the Army and Rhodesia in 1978 as a sergeant, Mr Moore-King spent the next seven years in Britain, Europe and South Africa. "We were tough Rhodesians, we had taken on the world, and we could take it on the chin and all that stuff," he said. "It was Andy Warhol's 15 minutes of fame."

He frequented "Rhodie haunts" in Westminster, got into fights in defence of Rhodesia's good race relations, was arrested for jostling a Zimbabwean black nationalist at Hyde Park Corner and again for trying to put the Rhodesian flag on top of what was then Rhodesia House in the Strand.

He says a gradual change took place when he returned in 1985, beginning with the shock of a black Zimbabwean immigration officer's "welcome to Zimbabwe" as he nervously re-entered the country with his English wife.

Travelling around the country, he appears to have run into a series of reprehensible racist displays. Against this Mr Moore-King sets recurring images of the suffering of blacks during the war, and their continuing politeness and rural courtesy.

"I felt very strongly that the white community had thrown away an opportunity. Instead, there is all this whimpering and whining about shortages and queues in the post office because of the blacks. There is an emotional content to racism that wasn't there before."

He remembers the adulation of seeing "Smithy" at a forward airbase during the war. Now he describes Mr Smith, "the high priest of our tribe" in the rundown "temple" of Rhodesian values, wearing patched grey robes, and in need of a wash and shave.

Mr Moore-King says Mr Smith, in his repeated detractions of the Government of President Mugabe, is "either senile ... or he is aware that his actions are to the benefit of South Africa, putting the lives and livelihood of the white community at risk".

The new white racism is widespread and dangerous, he says, and the old values are being passed on to the younger generation with the potential of further treason by some whites living in Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe wildlife fills gap in meat market

Harare (AFP) — Zimbabwean wildlife farmers are preparing to supply more game meat to help make up for the beef shortage facing the country, a senior official of the Wildlife Producers Association said.

The association's executive officer, Mr John White, said more than 37,000 animals of several species had been captured to improve existing breeding herds at the farms of the 460 members of the association. Last year alone a total of 3,176 animals were captured for commercial farming and breeding, he said. These included zebra, wildebeest, buffalo, tsessebe, kudu, impala, klipspringer, eland, bushbuck, giraffe, waterbuck, sable, elephant calves, ostrich, black rhino, white rhino, crocodile and warthog.

Mr White added that the value of these animals had gone up by more than 20 per cent each, making wildlife a valuable commodity from which farmers intended to make a profit.

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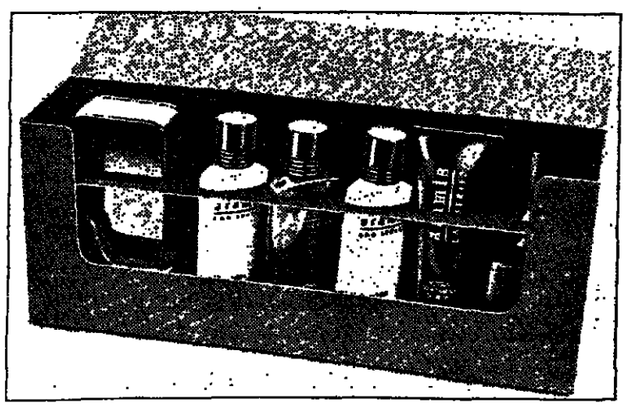
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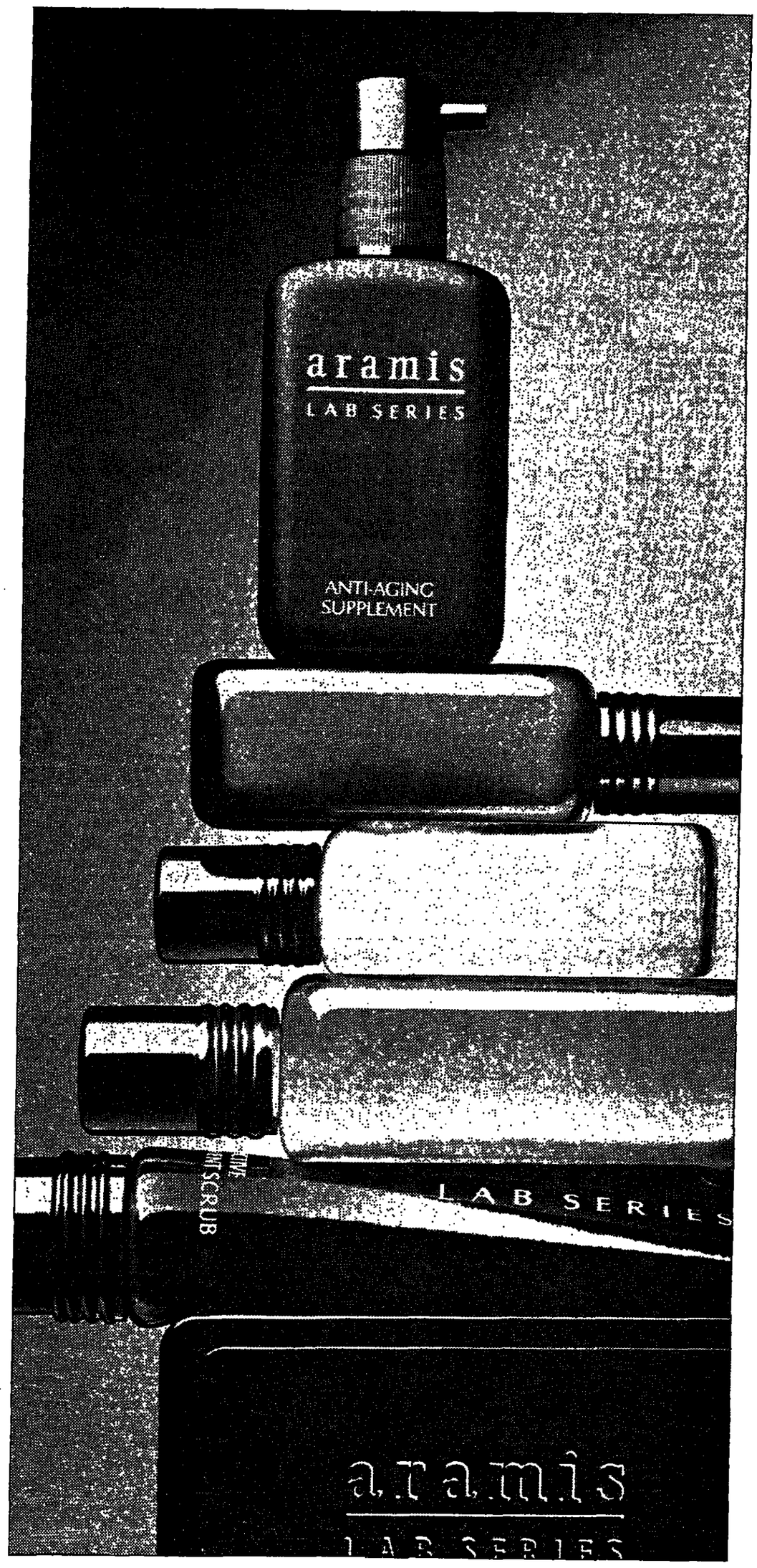


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TIMES DIARY

SIMON BARNES

I return from the United States agog to hear the plans for the summer tour of Cheadle Town of the Bass North West Counties League second division. On June 19 they leave for Acapulco, Mexico City and Guatemala. In recent years Cheadle have been all over Europe, the Far East, the US, South America and the Caribbean. They have lost 6-0 to the Cuban national side before a crowd of 25,000, to whom they were billed as the only English side ever to have played in Cuba. They have been on live television in China and Haiti. They played to a crowd of 65,000 in the Aztec stadium in Mexico City (to which they hope to return this summer).

They assume the travelling identity of Manchester AFC; I believe Clark Kent had a similar technique. Last year they went to India, the first British team to play there for 40 years. They played one of India's leading clubs, Mohan Bagan, before a crowd of 15,000, and were televised throughout India. The next day they were presented to the prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi. Players pay their own way, and this year's trip will cost £630 each. The tours are organized by the club chairman, Chris Davies. "I live to give players of our standard the chance to play abroad in exotic places," he says.

The woes of Eddie Edwards continue: Eddie is no longer Britain's number one ski-jumper. He has been supplanted by Alan Jones, who out-jumped Eddie in the Four Hills competition on New Year's Day, jumping 61 metres to Eddie's 58. Since then Eddie has been injured, and Britain has declined to enter him for the World Cup competitions. Jones continues to compete in the European Cup, and hopes to make a World Cup event. Further bad news for Eddie: Simon Mitchell, a former British decathlon champion, is now jumping more than 50m from the 60m hill, and Stuart Wilkie is round the 45m mark.

● Tom Davis, an Old Gravesendian, has just been presented with a tankard by the Rugby Writers' Club in recognition of his playing record. Now 64, and in his 46th year as a player, he hopes to carry on to his 50th season. To play rugby for one season could be regarded as a misfortune . . .

Like "Cosy Moments" (of the unforgettable book *Psmith Journalist*) this column cannot be muzzled. Nor, I am delighted to say, can the Bishop's Stortford unofficial supporters' magazine — or "fanzine". The publication, *Rhodes Review*, has been banned from the ground, disowned by the official supporters' club, and forbidden to display the club badge. The mag is what you would expect: bubbly, obsessive, full of spelling mistakes and bad jokes and a hellbent pricker of pomposities. The cause of the ban was a couple of paragraphs that criticized Harrow Borough, which threatened to report the club for "bringing the game into disrepute". *Rhodes Review* is now dead: long live *Cross Rhodes*, which will be sold — outside the ground — next season, and at Sportspages bookshop in London. But the club badge will be missing. "We were going to change the cover anyway," said David Ryan, the editor.

BARRY FANTONI



'Hello, Paul? Loved all your old songs, especially those by Lenin and McCartney'

Sutton United have their great day today when the boys of Gander Green Lane travel to Norwich in the fourth round of the FA Cup. You will recall that the GM Vauxhall Conference side beat Coventry City in the last round. Sutton have kept the faith and refused to start behaving like half-baked league superstars. Their manager, Barrie Williams, said: "We had an agent contact us saying he could make us £10,000, but what would we do with it? We turned him down. A hypnotist also contacted us to offer to hypnotize the team to ensure the players performed their best, but we rejected that too." The game will be shown live in Sweden and Denmark, and syndicated to 69 other countries, so, as Williams said, "the name of Sutton will be reverberating through the satellites".

My postman has been reduced to a husk by the number of letters on *underarm* bowling he has brought me, and wonderful the reading of them has been. Underarm bowling inspires passion. John Bentley writes to tell of a game between Worthing and the Stoics in 1928 which surely provides the archetypal underarm bowling story. The Worthing captain, J.K. Matthews, who also played for Sussex, was clobbering everything and had reached the 90s. In desperation, the Stoics' captain put himself on. His first ball was an enormous underarm lob. Matthews, unamused, stepped away from the wicket. The ball descended on to the bails, and the bowler appealed. Goodnight, Matthews. Mr Bentley concludes: "For the rest of the game the atmosphere was not very pleasant, and the clubs have not played since."

Michael Meyer writes about an underarm quick bowler. *He recalls a letter to the Cricketer* magazine during the last war from an old fellow who recalled his grandfather's description of an early 19th century bowler nicknamed "Pumphandle". Mr Meyer writes: "He ran up with his arm held behind him parallel to the ground, and delivered the ball fast, parallel to the ground, and only an inch or two above it, a kind of airborne sneak." He adds that Pumphandle was so fast he sometimes broke bats.

Conor Cruise O'Brien sees choice being returned to the states

Bush shuffle on abortion

Philadelphia

According to the old American maxim, the Supreme Court follows the election returns. That maxim may now seem to point in the direction of making abortion illegal in the United States — at least in some cases.

Last Monday was the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in the 1973 case, *Roe v Wade* — the decision that legalized abortion by finding constitutional protection for a woman's right to privacy in the area of reproductive choice.

Anti-abortion demonstrations outside the White House on the anniversary of the decision became an annual feature of the Reagan presidency, with enthusiastic encouragement from Reagan himself. Last Monday — President Bush's first working day in office — brought out the usual "pro-life" demonstrators. Bush did not meet them, and he talked to them only over a one-way line. But, to most of them, what he had to say must have sounded very satisfactory.

Re-stating "my firm support for our cause", Bush went on: "I think the Supreme Court decision on *Roe v Wade* was wrong and ought to be overturned. I think America needs a human life amendment."

The Supreme Court will soon have an opportunity to decide what to do about *Roe v Wade*. It has agreed to review a Missouri abortion case, *Webster v Reproductive Health Services*, probably in March or April. Few people think it likely that it will leave the 1973 *Roe v Wade* decision altogether intact. Because of Reagan appointments, the present court is far less "liberal" than the 1973 court was (although it is still more "liberal" than "right to life" people, and other hard-line conservatives, would like it to be).

The present Chief Justice, William H. Rehnquist, was a member of the court which adjudicated in *Roe v Wade*, and he dissented from the majority opinion in that case. His dissent commands a good deal of respect in legal circles, even among lawyers who have little sympathy with the "pro-life" activists. Many lawyers think that the court's decision (with certain qualifications) that prohibition of abortion is a denial of right to privacy constituted "legislation" rather than interpretation of the Constitution, and was therefore an abuse of the court's authority.

The present court seems likely to be influenced to some extent by that view, by the attitude of its own Chief Justice, and no doubt also by the attitude of President Bush and of his predecessor. So some change is likely. But it doesn't seem likely that the change will satisfy "pro-life" expectations, by making abortion illegal throughout the US. Public opinion doesn't want that, and the Bush administration doesn't seem to want it either. Hence that one-way telephone line.

Last weekend, the public had an intimation of what the new administration probably *does* want, in a broadcast interview with Dick Thornburgh, Attorney General in both the Reagan and the present administration. He indicated that he would settle for a return to the *status quo ante Roe v Wade*: each individual state would decide the matter as it wished, with the acquiescence of the Supreme Court.

Politically, in terms of the interests of the federal administration, the Thornburgh solution is very attractive. The horrible headaches that would attend any attempt to implement anti-abortion laws would be headaches for the states concerned, not for Washington, which would get some points — not the maximum — from the formidable "pro-life" people for having pointed the way towards overturning *Roe v Wade*.

But polls show that only about 15 per cent of Americans believe that abortion should be "always illegal". Around 25 per cent believe it should be "always legal", while over 55 per cent believe it should be "legal in certain circumstances". So many women would be alarmed, at first. But they would calm down when they realized that abortion remained legal *in the United States*, though not in certain states thereof. For most Americans, travelling from one state to another is no big deal. If Pennsylvania were to make abortion illegal — as it tried to do in the early 1980s — that would not cause serious problems for Pennsylvanian women as long as abortion remained legal in Delaware, New Jersey, or New York (as would be likely).

It is true that George Bush, over that one-way line of his, seemed to promise "right-to-lifers" a constitutional amendment making abortion illegal throughout the United States, when he said: "America needs a human life amendment." There could be no clearer example of anti-abortion hypocrisy. For nobody knows better than George Bush that such an amendment is politically impossible.

The US Constitution provides (Article V) that an amendment to the Constitution can be proposed only in two ways: by a two-thirds vote of each House of Congress, or upon petition of two-thirds of the states. The anti-abortion minority could never command such political muscle.

The most that could happen would be for some congressmen from some of the ghastlier Southern states to offer such an amendment for the sake of political mileage back home, in the certain knowledge that it would be heavily defeated.

The best hope of the anti-abortion lobby lies in the Rehnquist court. The Supreme Court *does* follow the election returns, if only in the sense that its personnel is determined, over the years, by elected people. But it does not have to follow the election returns all that closely.

My own guess would be that it will move a bit away from *Roe v Wade*, but not nearly as much as the "right to life" people hope and expect. And whatever the court decides, I think that, in practice, American women who want abortions will continue to be able to get them.

Ian Curteis

Black hopes undermined

The decision by the International Cricket Conference to ban cricketers with any professional connection with South Africa from playing in Test matches may yet boomerang upon those who perpetrated it.

"A crushing blow to cricketers' freedom of choice, for political reasons," says Norris McWhirter, who is fighting the ban in the courts on the grounds of interference with contract, restraint of trade and intimidation. Others believe it is simply an unjustifiable attempt politically to dragoon a group of people on matters they should be allowed to decide for themselves.

Much hypocrisy surrounds the sanctions industry, and it is a thousand pities that the most English of games should be sucked into it. If the object of sanctions, economic, cultural or sporting, is to bring pressure to bear on countries with bad human rights records, why is South Africa singled out for special punishment?

Freedom House, the bi-partisan human rights monitoring organization in New York, publishes a thorough and much-respected annual survey of political and human rights issues throughout the world. The current report lists 53 countries, all members of the United Nations, with a *worse* human rights record than South Africa; 28 are independent African states.

I am one of those who believe that the punitive, bring-them-to-their-knees bludgeoning aim of sanctions is counter-productive. It is a policy born of well-meaning frustration — "What else can we do to help those poor people?" — but is actually having the opposite effect to that intended.

There are other ways of speeding the dismantling of apartheid. I have an adopted black son, and believe that argument, co-operation and persuasion are the only ways to change people. The real issue in the ICC ban is not abhorrence of apartheid, but freedom of the individual to decide how best to combat it.

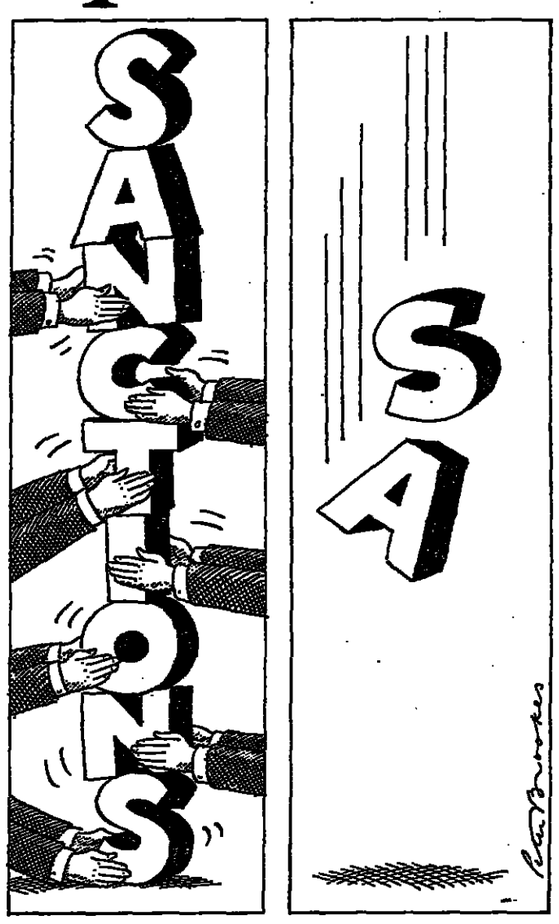
That is why, when the South African Broadcasting Corporation invited me to write a three-hour screenplay about Cecil Rhodes, I leapt at the chance. Fees and royalties are far lower than in Britain — financially, I would do far better to stay at home. But the research trip that was part of the contract would enable me to tour the country top to bottom, Soweto to the diamond mines, and see with my own eyes what so many people become incoherent with rage about: the misery, the hope, the alleged dramatic changes of the last few years, and the persistent rumours that the whole situation is grotesquely misreported over here.

I rang my union, the Writers' Guild of Great Britain. We have no South African policy, I was told, unlike Equity, the ACTT film technicians' union and the other entertainment unions. Each member decides these things for himself. Twice I went to the South African embassy about my writer's permit to enter (not a visa, they insisted) and had to walk the gamut of up to 50 spitting protestors screaming "Murderer!"

I picked up all the embassy propaganda I could find, and read the lot. I re-read the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Report of 1986, emphatic in its condemnation of Pretoria. But most interesting of all was a report in July last year by the Washington-based Investor Responsibility Research Centre.

After analysing all public opinion polls conducted among black South Africans over the last few years, that resolutely independent body found the results consistent, no matter who conducted the poll: despite Archbishop Tutu's best efforts to persuade them otherwise, 76 per cent of black South Africans said "no", and continue to say "no", to sanctions and disinvestment.

It has always seemed to me that if you wish to change the climate of thinking in a country, then to deny that country as many liberal and intelligent films and television programmes as possible is the height of lunacy. Television is the most powerful moulder of men's minds and opinions since the dawn of history. How can *non*-communication possibly influence a country as volatile as South Africa has clearly become?



I watched SABC-tv in hotel rooms, seeing nothing to support the accusation that it was the government's poodle. Moreover the SABC — modelled on the BBC — still clearly regards programmes as a means of communication, not as political powerblocks in their own right.

I saw excellent documentaries and plays, some with mixed-colour casts, which we will never see in Britain. For two British unions exercise political censorship over South African television programmes, denying us the choice of seeing them, whatever they are about. Likewise — and most obstructive to the dismantling of apartheid — South Africans may not officially see ours, though British programmes are pirated on a wide scale and are on sale at every street corner video shop.

As often as possible I slipped away from Cecil Rhodes and the TV screen to explore South Africa as it is today. Two things strike the visitor forcibly: how fundamental are the changes of the last few years, and how they have come about in spite of, not because of, sanctions.

Anyone interested in South Africa knows about the changes: the abolition of the pass laws, of job reservation for whites, the creation of vast city "grey areas" where all races live together (55,000 blacks now live permanently in "white areas" in Johannesburg alone), the abolition of the Mixed Marriages Act, the mushrooming of black-owned housing and black-owned business, no queueing at different counters, desegregated theatres and cinemas and segregation fast being phased out in trains and buses.

The major powerhouse behind these revolutionary changes is a vast and unique organization called the Urban Foundation, which came into being in the wake of the appalling 1976 riots. Harry Oppenheimer and Anton Rupert, two of the country's leading businessmen, convened a meeting of all shades of politics and colour. Out of this emerged the Urban Foundation, funded by industry the world over, wholly free-enterprise and non-political.

It is not a charity. It invests seed-money, expertise, encouragement and advice to help solve the problems of black housing, jobs and education; but every black has to stand on his own two feet.

Ten years ago, the foundation lobbied Pretoria and achieved the enormous breakthrough of the right of blacks to own property on a 99-year lease — thus also providing security on which a bank will lend to start a business. A housing applicant can choose a site, have a mortgage arranged by the UF (loans totalled £240 million to black clients last year), and the foundation also lays on water, electricity and sewage, and buys building materials. The client, alone or with friends, then builds his own house.

The result is triumphant: hundreds of thousands of sound, owner-occupied houses have been built. Black pride soars.

One morning I was driven round Soweto by an amiable black grandfather, Mike Rantho, a graduate of the London School of Economics. He showed me street after street of UF-funded houses and took me to the industrial estates close by, where hundreds of small industries have sprung up over the last five years, all owned and run by blacks. This has been repeated many times elsewhere and bred similar bodies, *all dependent on the health of the national economy*. One of them alone created 143,000 new jobs for blacks last year.

The ugliest things by far I saw in Soweto were the results of disinvestment. Prominent on a street corner in Johannesburg, I had seen the screwholes and outline of "Barclays Bank". It pulled out three years ago, to be replaced by another bank as if nothing had happened.

Except, that is, in one respect. All the big international companies in South Africa have their welfare and medical projects; they are not mere window-dressing, but exist on a vast scale. If they pull out, such places simply close down and the poverty and disease they were helping to overcome boil up again. Their large investments in the UF are cut off.

It shook me profoundly to see those closed clinics. Sanctions themselves, when seen here on the ground, lower white incomes by 5 per cent but are the deathblow to the burgeoning black economy that is the salvation of 85 per cent of the population. Disinvestment, or the imposition of any form of sanctions, as surrender to pressure 6,000 miles away, can only undermine these remarkable and significant achievements.

I adopted my black son when he was one year old. He is now 20, and proud to be in the RAF. He was brought up side-by-side with my white son, who is two years older. I love them both, but I love them differently. It was not easy. Difficulties and tensions, sometimes very great, came from within as well as outside the family. We were at times more a coalition than a united party. But we won through.

South Africa's immediate future must lie in coalition and co-operation. It is fast emerging from its long nightmare and needs our help, not our hatred. I, for one, intend to give it. While I understand the cricketing reasons for the ICC decision, it is tragic, and will be counter-productive.

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Commentary • PADDY ROSS

Call in the doctors

The role of consultants has figured large in the discussion on the future of the NHS. If next week's White Paper proposes changes in the way they work it is vital that these should not damage the morale of a group which is already disenchanted by underfunding, shortages of support staff and unwarranted Press attacks.

The doctor-patient relationship is the force which motivates doctors, irrespective of the system of health care provision within which they work. It is this, not the form of their contract, which leads them to irritate managers occasionally by treating more patients than planned, or demanding more resources to fund a new service or form of treatment.

NHS managers and the Government may find this independence administratively or politically inconvenient; the British Medical Association believes that it will always be in the best interests of patients to be treated by independent professionals who are not afraid to speak out in patients' interests.

Under the existing arrangements most consultants hold a full-time or maximum part-time contract with an NHS employing authority. Both types of contract require the consultant to devote substantially the whole of his or her professional time to NHS duties. A contract does not lay down a specific number of hours per week, but breaks down the week into 10 "notional half days" into which an agreed schedule of duties is fitted. Some duties are fixed, such as out-patient clinics, operating sessions and ward rounds; others, such as teaching, research and administration, are fitted in more flexibly.

Much has, quite rightly, been heard about the long hours junior doctors work, but it is often overlooked that consultants must be available at all times. In the acute specialities, consultants return to the hospital at the end of anybody else's working day or during the night to operate on or see patients. They also participate in an "on call" rota with other consultants in their speciality, typically one night or one weekend in three or four, for emergency work, including the admission of new patients. They are also constantly on call to assist at emergencies such as train or air disasters.

The profession recognizes that health authorities are fully entitled to hold consultants accountable for work they have contracted to do. Furthermore, we are aware that a combination of a more questioning, consumer-orientated society, a more positive management style and political expedients have created a need for more visible methods of ensuring quality of service and professional performance.

The method by which this is achieved will be critical to the success of the Government's strategy for the NHS. It will be disastrous if the Government disregards the professional motivations of consultants and imposes external management controls to regulate their work.

Local NHS managers are often relatively junior. Poor information systems do not provide them with accurate data from which to draw sensible conclusions about workload. As a result, where they have tried to enforce compliance with narrowly drawn contractual requirements, this has served only to alienate consultants. The danger is that consultants would eventually reduce their commitment to the NHS to the minimum and turn to the private sector for professional satisfaction.

A much more positive option is for the Government, the profession and managers to work together to find better ways of harnessing consultants' own professional values to ensure a continuing improvement in standards.

A number of promising initiatives along these lines are being developed. The Resource Management Initiative aims to provide clinicians with accurate clinical and financial data about their practice compared with colleagues in the same hospital or district. With proper investment in information technology it will enable consultants to improve their use of resources and draw them into managerial decisions.

Clinical directorates, developed in conjunction with such resource management initiatives at Guy's Hospital and elsewhere, could well provide a management structure which would make consultants responsible not just for their own workload but corporately for the planning and execution of the workload of a whole department or speciality, and for monitoring clinical performance.

As far as discipline is concerned, we are aware that, as in any other professional field, there are consultants who let down their NHS patients by not fulfilling their contracts. We do not accept that the problem stems from a weakness in the form of the consultant contract itself, but rather from failure to take firm management action to enforce it.

The BMA condemns this small minority of consultants who let the side down, and will support action by health authorities to bring them back into line. Indeed, two years ago we put forward a scheme to the Department of Health which would provide local mechanisms to enable the profession to work with health authorities in dealing with failure to fulfil contractual commitments. Despite repeated requests the Government has not yet taken a decision on whether to implement the scheme.

The Government well knows that the NHS gets extremely good value for money out of its consultants under the present arrangements, and we hope that it will not take political measures which might compromise consultants' professional independence. It is precisely that independence which guarantees the public the quality of care and cost effectiveness that it gets from the NHS hospital service.

The author is chairman of the BMA Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services and a consultant surgeon.

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The creation of the Territorial Army prompted these two letters, among others, each with its own point of emphasis. Arnold-Foster had been Secretary for War in the previous administration.

THE JUDGES AND INNS OF COURT VOLUNTEERS

The following letter, addressed to barristers and students at law and signed by the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls and Judges who have served in the corps, with the Treasurers of the four Inns of Court, appears in a pamphlet issued by the 14th Middlesex (Inns of Court) Rifles Volunteers:—

"The imminence of the changes in the constitution of his Majesty's military forces which will be effected under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, renders it at the present moment specially incumbent on those who enjoy the advantages of superior education and position to set an example to those not similarly favoured by loyalty and promptly responding to the appeal made to the country to furnish a more highly organized force for defence than it has hitherto provided.

The great number of the Judges, the Queen's and King's counsel, and barristers in large practice who have served in the Inns of Court Volunteer Rifle Corps affords sufficient proof that such service has not been incompatible with the performance of the duties of their branch of the legal profession.

Herbert H. Cozens-Hardy, etc.
(The Territorial Army)

To the Editor of *The Times*

Sir,

After two years' ardent speech making we have got rid of over 22,000 Regular soldiers, have destroyed the Militia, and have decided to call the Volunteers by another name. We have been informed many times by the highest authority that, as a result of these reforms, the country is much better prepared for war than it was. It is of course obvious that the mere fact of getting rid of 500 officers, one thousand non-commissioned officers and 22,000 men of the Regular army has not in itself added greatly to our strength. The wiping out of 23 battalions of Militia, the suppression of all the field officers of that ancient force, and its transformation into a number of depots has not made us invincible. It is evident, therefore, that it is the change in the name of the Volunteers — in other words the creation of the Territorial Army — which has not only compensated for the reduction of the other branches of the Army, but which has justified all the fine language we have heard with regard to the great increase in our available military strength.

Lord Roberts tells us point-blank that if the Territorial Army really has to fight it must outnumber the enemy by "four to one." This is in accordance with the belief of every War Office in the world except our own War Office since the end of 1905.

Sir John French, who is also an officer of much experience, tol[d] us that one Volunteer was wor[th] two conscripts. He now tells [us] that though "he will not say t[hat] one Volunteer soldier is w[orth] two conscripts, he would [...] rather have a lesser num[ber] Volunteers than a greate[r] ber of conscripts."

Your obedient [...]

H.O. Arno[ld]

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INTO THE FORTRESS

The first bulldozers are by no means yet about to start clearing a British site for Toyota's European plant. But the news that the world's third largest car manufacturer has selected British sites for its feasibility studies undoubtedly puts this country ahead of Belgium and Spain, the two main competitors for Toyota's planned £600m investment in a European production centre.

The Government has given the news an enthusiastic reception. A final decision, perhaps by the end of this year, in Britain's favour would create 3,000 jobs in either Wales, the Midlands or Humberside, producing 200,000 cars a year.

Obstacles remain to be overcome. The first, which applies equally to Britain's competitors, is the European Commission's rule, introduced this month, requiring governments to submit offers of state aid worth more than £8m to the European Commission for approval. The Government is unlikely to be able to offer Toyota anything like the £125m contributed to Nissan's venture.

The second is a British question. A repetition of the inter-union row which led Ford to abandon its plans to build a plant in Dundee cannot be ruled out, although the Amalgamated Engineering Union has already promised to meet Toyota's terms. British unions need to demonstrate this time that they put new jobs before old rivalries.

Toyota is likely, in addition, to be sharply assailed by the European car manufacturers' lobby, which already regards Nissan as a "Trojan Horse" and insists that there is excess production capacity in the Community. Since Western Europe overtook the United States in 1987 as the world's biggest single car market, this suggests special pleading by uncompetitive car-makers. The best report difficulties in meeting demand.

But this hostility has prompted some Japanese car manufacturers to consider spreading their investment, now concentrated in Britain, as broadly as possible through the Community as a form of insurance policy against inter-European rivalries. If Toyota goes ahead, Japanese cars will account for more than one third of total British production. It will undoubtedly put competitive pressure on some existing domestic producers.

As British unions have begun to understand, this is more a benefit than a burden. Japanese manufacturing, management methods and servicing facilities can contribute just as much as Ford and Vauxhall before them to rebuilding a thriving British motor industry. Toyota's stated policy is to "strengthen the competitiveness" of domestic manufacturing.

Mrs Thatcher's recognition of the virtues of a multinational manufacturing base, resulting in a conspicuously hospitable climate for foreign direct investment, has undoubtedly contributed to Toyota's decision to undertake detailed studies here. Japan has invested more heavily here than in any other EC country.

At some £4bn, the cumulative total is more than three times that invested in West Germany, five times the amount spent in France. The rate of investment has accelerated dramatically under this Government, from just over £100m in 1980 to nearly £1.5bn in 1987.

But in global terms, Europe lags as host to what has sometimes been called Japan's "wall of money" looking for a productive foreign home. It has attracted only 15 per cent of Japanese investment in manufacturing plant overseas. In vehicle production, of which more than a fifth of Japan's is now located abroad, the EC has 2 per cent to the United States' 11 per cent.

The reasons are not far to seek. The European Commission's application of anti-dumping penalties to Japanese factories, contemptuously dubbed "screwdriver plants", is currently being challenged by Japan at the GATT.

European governments complain that the quality of Japanese investment is low, that the plants it builds in the Community are no more than assembly-lines for Japanese products, adding little local value and still enabling Japan to circumvent import barriers. They are still at loggerheads over the level of "local content" required before overseas companies are treated as European, able to trade freely within the Community.

France's decision last year, vigorously contested by Lord Young, to treat Nissan Bluebirds built in Tyne and Wear as Japanese cars subject to its import quotas, was a nakedly protectionist attempt to exploit the absence of an agreed definition. From Toyota's viewpoint, however, the risks of setting up in Europe have clearly been outweighed by the risks of staying out.

The company's evident anxiety to start production before completion of the Single Market is related to pressure by European manufacturers for a restrictive Europe-wide quota on Japanese cars. It wants to fix 1992's imports at 15 per cent below today's levels and peg growth to European penetration of the Japanese market.

Britain should resist such pressures as firmly as it has the whole concept of "Fortress Europe". The fears this possibility arouses may ironically have contributed to Toyota's enthusiasm to manufacture in the Community. But Britain's insistence on a Community open to the world adds to its attractions as a centre for foreign investment.

THE KIDNEY TRADE

Allegations over the sale of human kidneys have so far prompted a local health authority investigation. They raise issues, however, which are of national and international importance.

The transplantation of human organs, kidneys in particular, is among the great medical advances of our time. Kidney transplant operations have moved from the experimental to the commonplace in two decades.

Last year 1,612 such operations were carried out in this country alone, often saving the lives of those who were concerned. They would be still more commonplace were more organs readily available to surgeons. The difficulty of finding suitable donors is a restriction which must be frustrating for doctors – and the patients who desperately seek their help. There is a current waiting list of 3,700.

As other branches of transplant surgery advance, this frustration is likely to increase. The use of donor cards is growing. It has been estimated that Britain needs to double the number of donors.

Nothing, however, can justify allowing the payment of donors and a consequent market in organs for transplant. The case of Mr Colin Benton, revealed in *The Times* yesterday, shows the repugnant business deals that could be repeated in large numbers were the practice not to be outlawed with all possible force.

It is, indeed, already quite strongly resisted – both by the medical profession and the Department of Health. The junior health minister, Mr Roger Freemen, described the practice a week ago as "abhorrent, improper and unacceptable" and such sentiments are largely reflected by the General Medical Council (GMC), the British Medical Association (BMA) and the British Transplantation Society.

The 1985 annual report of the GMC, whose responsibilities include professional discipline, said: "... it is unethical and improper for a registered medical practitioner, wittingly or unwittingly, to encourage or take part in any way in the development of such trafficking in the sale of human organs and that accordingly no surgeon should undertake the transplantation of a non-regenerative organ from a living donor without first making due inquiry to establish beyond all reasonable doubt that the donor's consent has not been given as a result of any form of undue influence."

That can have left few doctors in any doubt as to the official attitude of the profession. A Council of Europe resolution is no less unequivocal in condemning the practice while the United States works through a similar code of practice. The Turkish authorities have moved swiftly in response to the latest batch of allegations.

What is lacking, in this country anyway, is a clear and specific guideline which prescribes the action to be taken in the case of an offence. In theory, a hospital could lose its licence – though to close it down so completely might seem counter-productive. The GMC could presumably summon a doctor to appear before its disciplinary committee. Expulsion from the British Transplantation Society would not prevent the doctor concerned from continuing in practice.

Fewer than one in 10 kidney operations involve a living donor. None the less the tightest regulations are clearly needed. However one tries to rationalize the practice, it is exploitation of a kind which most people find unacceptable. It must never be accepted.

ANGELIC GUESTS

The arrival of four "Guardian Angels" from New York has awakened natural British suspicions of American vigilantes. There is the fear that their red berets might provoke violence rather than curb it. There are doubts about their internal discipline and about the growth of other, perhaps less scrupulous, organizations. There are questions about whether the Angels – whatever the training they receive in unarmed combat – would ever be available in enough numbers to tackle the thugs who ride the trains.

They have, however, arrived at a time of growing alarm over attacks on the London Underground. Concern was heightened last month by three particularly unpleasant murders. The number of robberies also rose last year – with 1,143 in the first 11 months, against 828 during the same period in 1987.

Criticism has sprung largely from Whitehall, from London Transport and from Parliament. It has been much less evident among the general public – many of whom appear to find the idea reassuring. Their confidence may be misplaced and they may not be fully alive to the latent dangers. But Whitehall should take note.

Some of the comments by MPs have made the Angels sound more dangerous than the thugs. To hold the four Americans at Gatwick Airport for the best part of a day before letting them into this country seemed excessive.

They might even claim some indirect responsibility for this week's decision to increase the number of policemen on the Underground. Last month it was announced that 50 new recruits are to be found for the British Transport Police's "L" Division (which patrols the London Underground), to bring the establishment up to 400. Now the Ministry of Transport has decided that 80 policemen from the City and Metropolitan forces should be seconded to the division temporarily to fill the gap until the new officers have been trained. Meanwhile special constables are to be encouraged to join British Transport Police.

This is the right way to proceed. Men and women recruited under the checks and disciplines of a properly constituted police force are a more reassuring answer to the crime rate than the growth of private Angels – however well meaning.

One wonders, however, whether these latest measures would have been introduced without this new manifestation of public worry. The image of the London Underground is still much better than that of the New York subway. The majority of people who commute to work on it every day, who go shopping or visit the West End late at night, do so without being robbed or even threatened. But the point has been reached at which no further decline in law and order should be tolerated.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kidneys for sale as private issue

From Professor Emeritus Royden Harrison

Sir, What possible objection can there be if one person, of their own free will and without duress, should sell their kidney to someone else? Nor is there any wrong done by the middle man who makes a profit out of this transaction. The seller is able to indulge in a few of the good things in life. The buyer may well be paying to survive.

Those who believe in the free market can hardly condemn the bargain. The excellent clothing, electrical goods and motor cars which we procure from the Far East are so affordable because neither a grandmotherly state or trade union nor a Western philanthropist is encouraged to get between the capitalist and the labourer in South Korea or Taiwan.

In tolerating a high level of unemployment, in introducing tough laws to discipline the trade unions, in removing wages councils and making life hard for the scroungers looking for social security benefits, the Prime Minister has shown that she fully appreciates this logic. It is not logic, but vestigial religious prejudice and taboo which are getting in the way of understanding.

Yours faithfully,
ROYDEN HARRISON,
4 Wilton Place,
Sheffield 10, West Yorkshire.
January 23.

Kew price increase

From Mr Basil Keys

Sir, Is it all part of Mr Lawson's strategy to control public spending? The price of admission to Kew Gardens has gone up 100 per cent from 50p to £1 as from January 1. Or is this another example of the Government's intention to sell off our national assets when they become profitable?

Yours etc.,
BASIL KEYS,
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Woodstock Road,
Chiswick W4.

Business schools

From Mr Sydney Howell

Sir, Sir Douglas Hague (report, early editions, January 13) urges British business schools to unite against the European challenge – rightly so – but he understates the achievement and standing of the British schools. The merger of IMI (International management institute) and IMEDE (International management development institute) in Switzerland may have been driven as much by grand strategy as by simple financial embarrassment – the latter not shared by UK schools – and their combined faculty remains within striking distance of the larger UK schools.

In the free market Sir Douglas's advice is partly implemented already. A company exists, called Management Development Associates, which unites groups from several leading UK schools, and tenders for business which for scale or other reasons does not tempt their parent schools.

But combinations within the UK can only be a minor part of the answer. Today the frontier of British business education is no longer the English Channel, or even the Rhine. All leading UK schools are pursuing relationships with Europe and beyond to the US and the Pacific rim.

Yours sincerely,
SYDNEY HOWELL,
Manchester Business School,
Booth Street West,
Manchester 15.
January 16.

Symbol of deafness

From Mr Rowland D. George

Sir, Can anyone suggest a symbol of deafness equivalent to a blind person's white stick? Country walking is a pleasure still left open to a deaf person, but its joy is greatly diminished by the shock of a fast car overtaking the walker in a narrow lane, when its approach has not been heard. The situation becomes truly dangerous when cars from each direction converge on the pedestrian at the same moment.

It would at least be some comfort to the deaf person to feel that drivers could be aware of his or her disability.

Yours etc.,
ROWLAND D. GEORGE,
Pythouse,
Tisbury, Wiltshire.
January 23.

Mackay proposals for law reform

From Mr Francis Bennion

Sir, Lord Hailsham's strictures on Lord Mackay's Green Paper ("Wrong way to law reform", January 26) would carry more weight if he were not so complacent about the way the Bar operates today. I speak as a barrister of 38 years' standing who practised at the Bar in the 1950s and again in the 1980s.

In between I saw the operation of the Bar from many other viewpoints, including those of Oxford don, Civil Servant, parliamentary draftsman, constitutional adviser, and secretary of a professional institute. There is a great deal wrong with it, despite heroic efforts to rectify the defects by some leading barristers.

The chambers system is disorganised and inefficient. The insistence that each barrister is an individual, and the inadequacy of chambers' administrative arrangements, hamper performance. Clerks' demands that successful barristers take all the work offered them lead to onerous workloads and detract from performance.

Choice of barrister is often non-existent, because a solicitors' firm keeps briefing the same chambers, takes the clerks' advice on counsel, and often finds it has got someone else on the day. Delays are extreme.

There are not enough chambers to house all who wish to practise. The method of selecting tenants is capricious and often unfair. The policy of some chambers is to select tenants solely from former pupils of the chambers, a sure recipe for inbreeding and blinkered vision. Others veto applicants without giving them a chance to be heard. Sex or race discrimination in choice of tenants is not unknown.

The result, as put in an article by a Queen's Counsel in a recent issue of *Counsel*, is that in choosing new members of chambers the Bar "is awarding a limited number of highly-prized licences to start a career as a barrister".

This is wrong in principle, and does not apply in any other profession. The true licence to practise is obtained by the grant of the professional qualification. No one who is thus qualified should be prevented by the chambers system from carrying on his or her profession.

If only on these grounds, and there are many others, radical reform of the Bar is urgently required. Far from being, as Lord Hailsham says, "ill-timed" I regard Lord Mackay's proposals as long overdue.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS BENNION,
62 Thames Street,
Oxford.
January 26.

From Sir John Palmer

Sir, Those who feel that change always improves should recall our legal system has long been the envy of others. It encourages expertise in both branches of the profession. It has provided the world's best advocates and best judges. It has provided, not only in the City and in the provinces, the best commercial lawyers but also a body of solicitors throughout the country who are dedicated to the interests of their clients.

Let us not be persuaded against our better judgement to change something that has worked so well.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PALMER,
Bevan Ashford (Solicitors),
Gotham House, Tiverton, Devon.

From the Lord Chancellor

Sir, I would like to correct the impression, which seems to be gaining ground, that it is proposed in the Green Paper on the Work and Organisation of the Legal Profession that the Government or the advisory committee should issue advocacy certificates to individual advocates. Barbara Amiel suggests this in her article.

Paragraph 5.16 of the Green Paper makes it plain that the Government envisages that advocacy certificates would be issued and, where appropriate, varied, suspended, or revoked by the relevant supervisory professional bodies, for example the Bar and the Law Society.

This also meets the point made by Lord Scarman, who is quoted by Frances Gibb as suggesting that there ought to be a role for the professional bodies. The Government envisages that there certainly should be such a role.

Yours sincerely,
MACKAY of CLASHFERN,
House of Lords.

From Mr Patrick Heren

Sir, Surely the Lord Chancellor deserves a medal for valour. To see through a dispute with the elders of the Kirk is one thing; but then to go up against the might of the English Bar requires uncommon bravery.

Yours etc.,
PATRICK HEREN,
6 Heath Hurst Road, NW3.

From Mr Philip Shepherd

Sir, The Lord Chancellor could do worse than look to New Zealand to see what will happen here if the Green Paper becomes law. Their system was formerly identical to ours.

The fact is that the Bar has ceased to exist in Wellington, the legal capital, and everywhere else except for a small number still practising independently in Auckland. The remainder were mostly absorbed by the biggest firms.

The result: small firms have to instruct advocates in the large firms to appear for their clients in all complex cases; consumer choice has been enormously reduced; costs have increased, with the continued growth of the largest firms at the expense of the small. One is left to wonder exactly who will benefit from the proposals.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP SHEPHERD,
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Temple, EC4.

From Mr M-E. Rivalland

Sir, The Green Paper aims to give clients "the widest possible choice of *cost-effective* services" (my italics). Today, I appeared in court to do a simple possession action. My brief fee was £65.

A solicitor appeared in the case in front of me, in an unopposed possession action. He informed the court that he would be billing his client £300 plus VAT.

There were reasons why his fee should have been a little higher than mine; but what makes anyone think our so-called monopoly is not cost-effective?

Yours etc.,
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New Malden, Surrey.
January 26.

From Mr Edmund Lawson, QC

Sir, Picture the scene a few years hence:

"Grandpa, what job did you do?" "I was a barrister." "What was a barrister, grandpa?"

Yours pessimistically,
EDMUND LAWSON,
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Temple, EC4.

Colour blind

From Mr J. D. Porter

Sir, In addition to the traps for the colour blind mentioned by Mr Mills (January 17), in cricket (save in special circumstances) we persist in playing with a red ball on a green field.

For many years I was unaware that I was red/green colour-blind and, as a batsman, I could not understand why so often I lost a ball which kept low. However, when I played in northern India on matting wickets, all my problems temporarily disappeared.

One compensation for the colour blind is that the eye is taken by shape and form, rather than by colour. I believe that colour-blind persons have often been used in air-spotting, as they see the object and not the camouflage intended to hide it.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PORTER,
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King Edward's Parade,
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January 19.

GPs and drugs bill

From Dr Rodney Owen-Jones

Sir, One of the problems GPs face when treating their patients (report, January 19) is that hospitals blackmail GPs into prescribing expensive drugs on the GPs' prescriptions rather than via the hospital service, thus "saving" the hospitals money. This practice has become worse over the last few years as hospitals have had the financial squeeze put on them by the Government.

I have a patient who exemplifies this. She was told by an NHS hospital that they would be unable to prescribe drugs to treat her as there was no money available, and would the GP mind prescribing them for her or else she would have to pay £99 for each of four nasal sprays. Hence "GP drugs bill soars" is a very misleading and politically useful way to attack the very cost effective GP service.

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY OWEN-JONES,
The Surgery, Ramsbury,
Marlborough, Wiltshire.
January 20.

Historic battlefields

From Mr Peter Beazley, MEP for Bedfordshire South (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Bernard Levin ("Cavaliers and roundabouts", January 16) might have sought a more positive objective in his interesting article on the Battle of Naseby had he welcomed the opportunities that the proposed A1(M)/M1 link might provide if the situation were properly exploited. Surely a suitable "off-road" stopping point might be chosen on both carriageways linked by a bridge, where a museum of the "Great Civil War" might be set up on the very site where this critical battle was fought.

Not only static displays of contemporary uniforms and firearms, etc., might be shown but a great variety of illustrations, maps, original writings with back projection, animated illustrations of all sorts.

The Naseby battlefield would then illustrate for hundreds of thousands of British adults and children and also for a host of Continental, American and other visitors a graphic piece of British history.

Obviously the opportunity would have to be taken of providing a service station and restaurant facilities, but hopefully of a more suitable and tasteful "new look" – perhaps more on the lines of some of the best of the French *aires* on their new auto-routes.

If other similar historical sites close to motorways were similarly exploited, instead of the one in 10, or even one in 100 of Britons knowing their own history, it could be enjoyed by all.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BEAZLEY,
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Ratton,
Eastbourne,
East Sussex.
January 23.

From the Reverend Professor Emeritus W. H. C. Frend, FBA

Sir, The Battle of Naseby may now be lost to the flowers, as Bernard Levin lamented, but is it not time to take a leaf out of the Scots' and Americans' book and preserve our battle rites in a way worthy of major episodes in our national history? The panorama of the site of Bannockburn in the Robert Bruce Centre, south of Stirling, is a splendid example of this; so is Culloden.

Few can listen to the presentation of events at a similar centre at Gettysburg without emotion. Of other major battles fought on American soil only Camden in South Carolina (August 16, 1780) and Bladensburg outside Washington (August 24, 1814) are, so far as I know, without a commemorative monument. But, they were both won by the British!

Yours faithfully,
W. H. C. FREND,
The Rectory,
Barnwell, Peterborough.

Bevin's claim to greatness

From Sir Frank Roberts

Sir, In his article (January 23) on the prospects for Middle East mediation, Lord Beloff delves into history to criticise Ernest Bevin in terms on which, as his principal private secretary between 1947 and 1949, I feel it my duty to comment.

What Lord Beloff dismisses as "the myth of Bevin's greatness, perpetuated by the Foreign Office" has never been based on developments in the Middle East, where he was no more successful (or for that matter unsuccessful) than most other Western or Soviet leaders have been over the past 50 years. Those more closely associated with policy in the Middle East than I have been could probably, however, make out a case for his prescience in the light of subsequent developments.

Bevin's claim – no myth – to "greatness" is based upon the major part he played in the restoration of the West European economy after the Marshall Plan, in the Berlin airlift, in the restoration of the Federal Republic of Germany to the community of Western nations, and in the creation of Nato.

Since Lord Beloff obviously has no faith in Foreign Office judgement, I will cite in support of this claim Ernest Bevin's colleague Dean Acheson who, after listing Bevin's great qualities, concluded that "all of us to whom freedom and liberty are the foundations of our lives will stand in gratitude and joy that in these times such a man lived"; his Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, who spoke of him with equal admiration and warmth; and the historian, Professor Sir Michael Howard who, in his 1982 lecture on the bicentenary of the office of Foreign Secretary, placed him among the greatest holders of that office, comparable to Palmerston "in determination, bulldog patriotism, humour and sheer common sense" and to Castlereagh in achieving, with a much poorer hand to play, a European settlement that could stand comparison with that of Vienna at the end of the Napoleonic wars.

To return briefly to the Middle East, Bevin was certainly anti-Zionist, but in my close experience of him I did not find him anti-Jewish. Lord Beloff writes of his being anti-Semitic, but he can hardly mean this, as Arabs and Hebrews alike are surely Semites.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK K. ROBERTS,
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January 24.

Clergy selection

From Mr Maurice Chandler

Sir, While not agreeing with Mr David Hopkinson's strictures (January 21) on the General Synod, I endorse his proposal that the bishops should resume their historic role in the selection and approval of candidates for ordination.

CACTM (Central Advisory Council for the Ministry), the forerunner of ACCM (Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry), came into being towards the end of the Second World War. The role which it fed has long since disappeared. Today its advocates stress its role as maintaining a uniform selection procedure. Many would question the value even the desirability of this.

There have been many cases of questionable and in some cases of untenable rejection of good candidates. At a time when more clergy are needed, particularly if we are to engage fully in the "Decade of Evangelism", the Church of England cannot afford to continue with such centralised procedures.

Furthermore the abolition of the ACCM selection procedures would save the budget of General Synod at least £500,000.

Yours faithfully,
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8 Brookhouse Street,
Leicester.
January 26.

School services

From his Honour Judge Keith McHale

Sir, Mr Baker may, and I think should, require a daily mini-service in schools; (report, January 24) but surely no law can compel anyone to worship? It would be better not to try.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH McHALE,
Oak Lodge,
141 Albemarle,
Beckenham, Kent.
January 24.

Undervalued assets

From Mrs Nicholas Lear

Sir, I fear it is only the middle class who dare to clothe themselves and their children from jumble sales (letters, January 19). This was brought home to me when the girl who came to help clean my house offered me some second-hand baby clothes. "I wouldn't put my baby in them", she said, "but I thought you might like them for Annie".

Yours sincerely,
HARRIET LEAR,
Knowlands, Barcombe,
Nr Lewes, Sussex.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Alan Alda, actor, 53; Mr Alister Allan, marksman, 45; Mr Mikhail Baryshnikov, ballet dancer and actor, 41; Miss Enid Castle, principal, Cheltenham Ladies' College, 53; Sir Oliver Chesterton, chartered surveyor, 76; Mr John Edmonds, trades unionist, 45; Sir Anthony Garner, former director of organization, Conservative Central Office, 62; Mr J.D. Hughes, principal, Ruskin College, Oxford, 62; Mr Bill Jordan, trade unionist, 53; Sir Timothy Kitson, former MP, 58; Mr Alfred Marks, actor and comedian, 68; Mr Ronnie Scott, jazz musician, 62; Sir Trevor Skeet, MP, 71; Professor John Tavener, composer, 45; the Rev B.R. White, principal, Regent's Park College, Oxford, 55; the Right Rev James Whyte, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 69; Lord Windlesham, 57.

TOMORROW: Dr R.C. Alston, bibliographer, 56; Mr Malcolm Binns, concert pianist, 53; Mr Leslie Bricusse, composer and lyricist, 58; Major-General Sir George Burns, 78; Dr Alec Coppen, psychiatrist, 66; Lord Ferrier, 89; Miss Germaine Greer, author, 50; Lord Gregson, 65; Mr Paul Hodder-Williams, publisher, 79; Mr John Junkin, actor and writer, 59; Mr Sean Kerly, hockey player, 29; Mrs Margaret Laird, Third Church Estates Commissioner, 56; Major-General K.F. Mackay Lewis, 92; Mr Michael Mavor, headmaster, Gordonstoun School, 42; Mr Andy Roberts, cricketer, 38; Professor Abdus Salam, theoretical physicist, 63; Air Chief Marshal Sir Alasdair Steedman, 67; Viscount Tonypandy, 80; Mr Brian Trubshaw, former test pilot, 65.

Memorial services

Lieutenant-Colonel Maurice Burnett

The Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire and the Hon Lady Worsley attended a memorial service for Lieutenant-Colonel Maurice Burnett held yesterday at St Mary's, Richmond, Yorkshire. The Rev Christopher White officiated, assisted by the Rev Peter Hulett.

Mr Timothy Burnett, son, read the lesson. Lord Martin Fitzalan Howard gave an address. The Bishop of Ripon pronounced the blessing. Others present included:

The Deputy Lieutenants of North Yorkshire, the Chairman, Chief Executive and Leader of North Yorkshire County Council, the Mayor of Scarborough, the Chairman and Chief Executive of Richmondshire District Council, the Chairman of Craven District Council and the Chairman of Selby District Council.

Mrs J.H. "Cockie" Hoogterp

A service of thanksgiving for Mrs J.H. "Cockie" Hoogterp was held yesterday at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Highclere, Hampshire. The Rev T.F. Horsington officiated. Mr Christopher Hodson and Mr Richard Parker Bowles read the lessons. Mr Harry Middleton gave an address.

Service luncheon

Fleet Air Arm

Lieutenant Commander Jesse Hanks was the principal guest at an anniversary luncheon of the 48th Naval Pilots' Course (1943) Fleet Air Arm held yesterday at the Mayfair Hotel.

Service dinner

RAF Benson

Air Vice-Marshal Sir John and Lady Severne were the guests of honour at a ladies guest night held last night at the Officers' Mess, RAF Benson, to mark Sir John's retirement as Captain of The Queen's Flight. Squadron Leader P. Melling presided.

Dinners

Faculty of Architects and Surveyors

The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended a dinner given by Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, an Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Architects and Surveyors, at the House of Commons last night for the London region of the faculty and their guests, Phab (Physically Handicapped and Able-bodied). Mr J.W. Wilson, chairman of the region, presided and the other speakers were Mr Trevor Owen, Chairman of Phab, Mrs Jean Allen and Mr Barry Cryer.

Keble College, Oxford

Dr Eric Stone, Vice-Warden of Keble College, Oxford, presided at the Keble London dinner held last night at the Brewery, Chiswell Street. The Presidents of the Middle and Junior Common Rooms were the guests.

The Mount School

It is with regret that The Mount School, London, NW7 2RX, announces the death on Thursday, January 12, 1989 of Miss Betty Shannon Millin, headmistress from September 1963 until July 1973.



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Clifford Longley

Discover the Gospel amongst the poor

Dr John Vincent, director of the Urban Theology Unit at Sheffield, has a reputation as the *enfant terrible* of Methodism, a worthy successor of Lord Soper (who is no longer an infant). As the next President of the Methodist Conference Dr Vincent will wear both Soper's and Wesley's mantle for a year, and command the chief forum in the church for the promotion of his radical ideas.

Methodism is possibly the most fertile ground in Britain for a native growth of the theology of liberation, and Dr Vincent is one of the very few who might even be said to have anticipated some of its thinking. Wesley's original mission was very much to the poorer sections of eighteenth century Britain, so liberation theology's message of an "option for the poor" rang a lot of bells and was like pushing at a half open door. In Latin American Catholicism, by contrast, liberation theology was a radical reversal of the church's traditional alignment with wealth and power, and the shock waves have by no means yet died down.

Dr Vincent has already foreshadowed what will be one of his major concerns as Methodist President after this summer's annual Conference, in an article in this week's *Methodist Recorder*. As he puts it: "How on earth do you communicate across divided Britain?"

The essence of the problem he is referring to, which is by no means confined to Methodism, arises from the church's largely middle-class base in British society, combined with its presence in some of the areas of greatest deprivation, particularly in the inner city and on run-down housing estates.

In the nature of things, Christianity then becomes a middle-class message, one from the better-off to the poor. But, as Dr Vincent roundly declares with only a touch of preacher's overstatement: "In an affluent society Good News comes from the poor." In other words only the poor can reach the poor in a way which does not distort the Gospel, the very message of St Francis of Assisi. This certainly helps to explain the success of the independent Black churches, who for all their lack of sophistication do not start with the disadvantage of riches.

His dramatic advice to the church, faced with old and costly buildings and small and hard-up congregations, is to sell its buildings and invest in something closer to the scale of what is really needed. Financial self-sufficiency for the urban church is his ideal, if possible turning its real estate into a modest source of income.

In its activity, his advice to such churches is to "trust the neighbourhood", meaning that it should respect the existing community spirit and work within it. "Bring in people like the folk already there, and let the worship and the lifestyle of the church be truly based on them... Let the churches make an ecclesiastical and cultural journey downwards."

Dr Vincent favours the concept of "basic communities" as practised in Brazil and elsewhere, which he calls "walking-distance communities". There being few areas of solid Methodism left on the urban landscape, such groups would almost certainly have to be ecumenical if they were to work. They could, he envisages, be reinforced in numbers by the sponsorship of wealthier congregations, who might be persuaded to support someone prepared to live and work with the poor.

Such basic communities could not exist with exclusively "religious" agendas of their own, in isolation from the problems of life: indeed the whole point of them is that they do not try. Inevitably they must participate in the community's own struggles, for law centres, better buses, housing repairs, street lighting ... but if they are not to be absorbed and indistinguishable after a time, they must also have a "something else" which is at the heart of what they are about.

Dr Vincent predicts they will discover "the essential Gospel of Jesus, not only for the poor but for all the churches". This is an optimistic view. There are many instances of small groups who have set themselves up with a simple sense of mission, but have quite quickly take on extraneous or ideological characteristics, or have been riven by controversies of their own making. The communes of the 1960s eschewed authoritarian leadership, or indeed any rules at all; but none of them found the secret of harmonious stability.

In the case of an expressly Christian community there is the added problem of finding a spirituality that controls the wilder flights of fancy that the unbound religious imagination is capable of. Roman Catholic basic communities in Latin America receive their explicitly Christian character from the regular community Eucharist, and their doctrinal stability from being part of the much larger church enterprise. The traditional solution to these far from new problems has been through the foundation of religious orders, and it is often said that Methodism could well have developed as such an order, had it not begun in a religious climate dominated by Protestant suspicion of such things.

But times have changed. The Methodist "option for the poor", which is obviously going to dominate that church at least for the year of Dr Vincent's leadership and if he is successful far beyond, may well be looking - whether it knows it or not - for something like a Methodist Order of St Francis.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. Axon and Miss L. Kelly

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs John Axon, of Oakham, Leicestershire, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Kelly, of Worsley, Cheshire.

Mr N.T. Beazley and Miss S.M. Flory

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, second son of Mr and Mrs H.T. Beazley, of Wimbledon, London, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P.C. Flory, of Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire.

Lieutenant A.U. Bridgen, RN and Miss S.K.L. Dickinson

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Andrew Bridgen, son of Mr and Mrs E.E. Bridgen, of Coldharbour, Surrey, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Dickinson, of Lavant, Chichester, West Sussex.

Mr T.W. Broke-Smith and Miss A. Weitz

The engagement is announced between Toby, the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Broke-Smith, of Camberley, Surrey, and Anja, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F.W. Weitz, of Oak Ridge, New Jersey, USA.

Mr R.O. Cochrane and Miss J.D. Leeson

The engagement is announced between Jocelyn Diana Leeson, daughter of Mrs Leslie Leeson, of Leicestershire, and Robert Orr Cochrane, son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Cochrane, of Belfast.

Mr C.R. Dawe and Miss V.B. Weston

The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs B.S. Dawe, of Bishopton, Co Durham, and Victoria, elder daughter of the Ven and Mrs F.V. Weston, of The Archdeacon's Lodge, Christ Church, Oxford.

Count G-O. de La Rochefoucauld and Miss J.C.E. Weir

The engagement is announced between Guy-Olivier, son of Count and Countess Pierre-Louis de La Rochefoucauld, of rue Marbeau, Paris, France, and Juliet Consuelo Elizabeth, elder daughter of Professor and Mrs Donald Weir, of Rookwood, Ballyboden, Dublin, Ireland and Alma Square, London.

Mr T.G. Evans and Miss D.J. Marks

The engagement is announced between Glyn, younger son of Mr and Mrs T. Evans, of Llwyn Mawr, near Llangollen, Clwyd, and Denise, daughter of Mr D. Marks, of Perranporth, Cornwall.

Mr N.M. Fletcher and Miss C. Bowman-Shaw

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr R. Fletcher, of Abergavenny, and Catherine (Bo), only daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Bowman-Shaw, of Hardwicke Place, Hardwicke, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Mr and Miss A.C. Seagers and Miss P.J. Green

The engagement is announced between Adrian, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.P. Seagers, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Phillippa, daughter of Mr D.L.T. Green, of Dodford, Northamptonshire, and of Mrs W.H. Jewell, of Tal-y-Coed Court, Monmouth.

Mr T.J. Sedgwick and Miss C.E. Park

The engagement is announced between Toby, son of Mr and Mrs John Sedgwick, of Novello Street, Fulham, and Clare, daughter of Captain and Mrs Keith Park, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr E. Whaites and Miss M. Macdonald

The engagement is announced between Eric, only son of Mrs D.M. Whaites and the late Mr W.C. Whaites, of Harare, Zimbabwe, and Morag, only daughter of Dr and Mrs I.S. Macdonald, of Falkirk, Scotland.

Mr C.J. Whyte and Miss J.M. Livingston

Ursula and David Livingston, Taupo, New Zealand, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, Joanne Margaret, to Campbell James, eldest son of Margaret and Robert Whyte, Wellington, New Zealand.

Mr D. Harrison and Miss V. Amaliksen

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of John and Serena Harrison, of Parson's Green, London, and Vivian, daughter of Georg and Thordis Amaliksen, of Stavanger, Norway.

Mr P. Homayounfar and Miss S.K. Doyle

Parviz, elder son of Colonel and Mrs S. Homayounfar, of Lindfield, West Sussex, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice F. Doyle, of Clonskeagh, Dublin, are pleased to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Mr G. Main and Miss H.M. Scantlebury

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Main, Canonbury, London, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Scantlebury, Virginia Water, Surrey.

Mr D.R. Poole and Miss S.J. Harrison

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Poole, of Bucksford Mill House, Ashford, Kent, and Sarah, daughter of Dr and Mrs David Harrison, of Redcot, Exeter.

Appointments

Mr John Higgins, Director of Corporate Policy, National Audit Office, to join its senior management group as an Assistant Auditor General.

Mr Alan Brown, Mr Anthony Christopher and Mr Jeremy Orme to be members of the Audit Commission.

Reagan award

The Duke of Edinburgh, honorary trustee of the Winston Churchill Foundation of the United States, will present the Churchill award to Mr Ronald Reagan at a dinner in Los Angeles on May 17, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday.

OBITUARIES

SIR THOMAS SOPWITH

Long-lived commander of the air

Sir Thomas Sopwith, CBE, who died yesterday at the age of 101, was the last survivor of the early pioneers of British aviation — and, in many ways, the greatest of them all. The air superiority gained by British fighter aircraft (and their crews) in two World Wars owed more to Sopwith than to any other man. But for him the course of history might have been different.

He brought skill, pertinacity and good humour to a wide variety of activities in British aviation. He was one of the best known, and internationally acclaimed, of early sporting aviators. From 1912 he initiated the design and construction of 16 different types of aircraft — all in the forefront of the technology of their day — including the first British flying boat and the first British winner of a major international air contest, the 1914 Schneider Trophy Race.

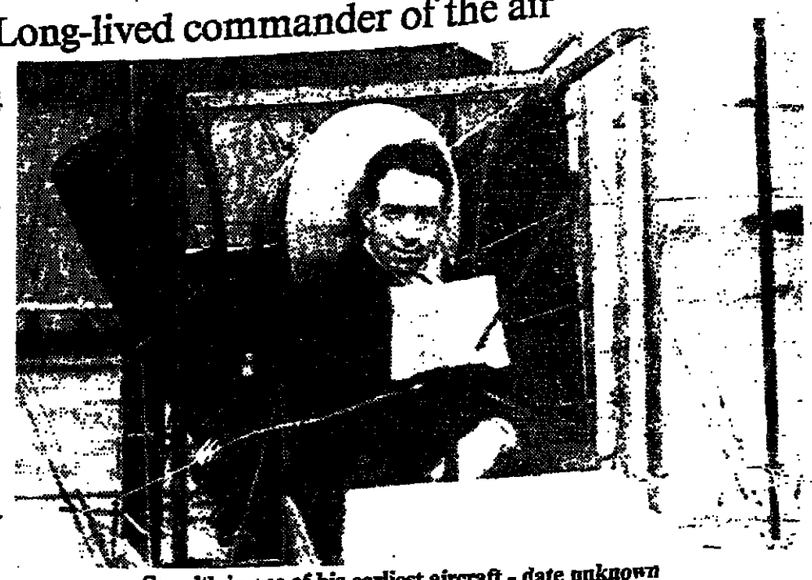
During the First World War, Sopwith aircraft were built in greater numbers than were those of any other British constructor. Between the wars Sopwith's aircraft companies were the leading suppliers of aircraft to the Royal Air Force. His Hawkers (designed by Sydney Camm) were exported to a greater value than were the products of the rest of the British aircraft industry put together.

In the Second World War, the Hurricane was the top-scoring fighter in the Battle of Britain and the Typhoon was devastating as a ground-attack aircraft over Normandy. Subsequently, his pioneering jet fighters culminated in the world's first Vertical-Take-Off-and-Landing aircraft, the Hawker Harrier.

The foundation of all this was his decision to start the Sopwith Flying School and then the Sopwith Aviation Company at Brooklands, the Surrey motor-racing circuit, in 1912, followed by the H G Hawker Engineering Company in 1920. From them grew, from 1935, the Hawker Siddeley Group.

With it went his momentous and fortunate decision in that year to commit the company to production of the Hurricane ahead of any official orders — thereby ensuring that "The Narrow Margin" of aircraft in service with Fighter Command was just adequate when the Battle of Britain began.

Thomas Octave Murdoch Sopwith was born on January 17, 1888, the eighth child and eldest son of Thomas Sopwith, a leading Scottish civil engineer, and his wife.



Sopwith in one of his earliest aircraft - date unknown

He was educated at Cotesmere School in Rutland and at the Seafield Engineering College in Fyfe where, in 1906, he acquired a half-share in a Short Brothers balloon in which he first took to the air.

Sopwith quickly became immersed in the land, sea and air sporting enterprises: motor-cycling, early cars, a paraffin-engined schooner and the "Padsop" balloon until, in October, 1910, after a brief £5 passenger flight in a Farman biplane at Brooklands piloted by Gustav Blondeau, he became "bitten by the aviation bug — from which there is no recovery."

He bought, for £630, a British Howard-Wright "Avis" monoplane, and then a biplane, taught himself to fly surviving an initial stall and crash. He was awarded the Royal Aero Club Aviator's Certificate No. 31 on November 21, 1910, and, five days later, set up a British duration record of 3 hours 12 minutes, flying his Howard-Wright biplane for 107 miles around the Brooklands track. Then, to recoup the costs, he entered for — and won — the Baron de Forest prize of £4,000 for the longest flight out of England into the Continent — 169 miles to Belgium in 3½ hours.

In June 1912 he founded the Sopwith Aviation Company Limited with sheds at Brooklands and works (from December 23, 1912) in the 16,000 square feet of a former roller-skating rink at Kingston-on-Thames.

Sopwith himself made the maiden flight in July 1912 of the first Sopwith aeroplane — a development of a Burgess-Wright biplane, modified as the Sopwith "Hybrid Tractor Biplane" — with the Gnôme engine out of his Bleriot monoplane. He was sold it to the Admiralty for £900 — sufficient to buy the Kingston skating-rink.

The first Sopwith aeroplane to go into production, the Sopwith Three-Seat Biplane was delivered to the Admiralty. This was the first of more than 18,000 aircraft of 60 different types designed and built by the company in its eight years of existence from June 1912 to September 1920.

During the First World War the Sopwith Works were greatly expanded to supply a succession of fighter aircraft which won air superiority over the Western Front. The Sopwith "zoo" of Pups, Camels, Cuckoos, Dolphins, Salamanders and Snipes are now almost legendary in the annals of the 1914/18 war.

With the Armistice came a swift and complete cancellation of aircraft orders and an enormous tax bill from the Exchequer. Decisively, Sopwith put the company into voluntary liquidation while it could still pay its creditors. That done, on November 15, 1920, there arose the H G Hawker Engineering Company Limited.

In 1923 Raynham introduced to Sopwith a 29-year-old "senior draughtsman" from the Martinsyde Company — Sydney Camm. Under Sopwith's chairmanship during the next 43 years, Camm was responsible for the design of 52 types of Hawker aircraft of which more than 26,000 were built.

The fortunes of the Hawker Company took off with the design, in 1927, of the Hawker Hart single-engine, two-seat, day bomber biplane, followed by the Hawker Fury interceptor fighter biplane.

This success led to the formation, in 1935, of Hawker Siddeley Aircraft Limited with Sopwith as Chairman.

The new monoplane era was dawning, marked in Britain in March 1935 by the first flight of the prototype Avro Anson, followed by the prototype Hawker Hurricane, single-seat, eight-gun monoplane. The Hurricane was followed in 1941 by the Hawker Typhoon, devastating as a ground-attack and armed with 40mm cannon, 3-inch rockets and 1,000lb of bombs.

Meanwhile, at Gloster Aircraft, work began in February 1940 on a neat single-seat monoplane — the E28/39 — in which was to fly for the first time — on May 15, 1941 — the first Whittle W1 jet engine. It was followed by the twin-jet Gloster F9/40 Meteor fighter, the first jet aircraft to see active service with the Royal Air Force — from July 1944.

The success of the Hart in the 1930s was reproduced again by that of the Hawker Hunter, first flown (by Neville Duke on July 20, 1951). On September 7, 1953, a Hunter set up a new world's speed record of 727.6 mph.

Sopwith remained Chairman of the Hawker Siddeley Group until 1963 when he accepted the title of Founder and Life President.

In 1914, he married Beatrix, daughter of the 8th Baron Ruthven of Canberra. She died in 1930 without children. In 1932, he married Phyllis Brodie. They had one son. Lady Sopwith died in 1978.

ARTHUR MARSHALL

Laugh, and the world laughs with you

Arthur Marshall, broadcaster, book reviewer, wit and entertainer who first made his name with his imitations of schoolgirl stories, died yesterday. He was 78.

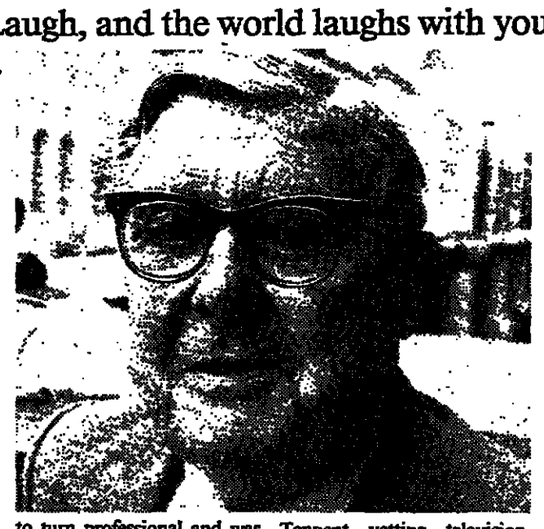
His acute sense of humour and radiant personality generated laughter in whatever company he moved, whether among dons, distinguished actors, the Household Brigade, the London clubs or his audience on *Woman's Hour* and *Call My Bluff*.

Marshall was born on May 10, 1910 in Barnes, London, and educated at Oundle School and Christ's College, Cambridge. Stage struck almost from birth, he was taken to his first pantomime at the age of four and acquired a memory for the casts, and even the plots, of musical comedies.

At Cambridge his remarkable talents as a female impersonator won him the Presidency of the ADC at a time in that club's history when all women's parts were still played by men. His most striking success was as Shaw's Lady Cecily in *Captain Brassbound's Conversion* when another undergraduate, Michael Redgrave, playing opposite him discovered to his chagrin that title role did not provide the juiciest character in the play. Shaw had after all written the piece for Ellen Terry.

In 1931 Marshall returned to his old school to teach modern languages and first attracted attention as a diseur whose monologues sent up the heroines of Angela Brazil's schoolgirl novels or Baroness Orczy's historical romances. What began as an amateur turn to amuse his friends won him fame in the theatre and as a broadcaster; and he became the friend of such connoisseurs as Noel Coward, Somerset Maugham, Hugh Beaumont and the Lunts.

He refused, however, offers to turn professional and was confirmed in the wisdom of his decision when Emile Littler, after hearing his recitations, rushed up to say that he would willingly sign him to play Dame at Leeds the next day.



Since he was an officer in the Oundle O.T.C. Marshall was posted shortly after the outbreak of the last war to the B.E.F. in France where he was in command of a Field Security Section. After Dunkirk he served first in Northern Ireland, then in Combined Operations, and later in SHAEF being demobilised in 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and the award of the MBE.

During his service in London he found time to appear on radio as Nurse Dugdale in a hilarious hospital series devised by himself.

Marshall went back again to Oundle in 1946 to become a housemaster: but in 1954 Lord Rothschild, by employing him as his personal assistant, gave him the chance to develop his ties with the theatre, and in 1958 he moved to London to work for H.M. Tennent vetting television scripts.

His only play, *Season of Goodwill*, produced in 1964, during a trough in the popularity of West End theatre, was a failure.

Meanwhile he had made his name as a reviewer: in 1935 Raymond Mortimer suggested that he might contribute a review each year on the new batch of schoolgirl stories in order to save *New Statesman* readers the moral exertion of reading them. His reviews maintained that journal's tradition of gaiety in the literary section, which was not always so evident in the political section of the weekly.

Marshall was once described as a "wonderful reviewer who has never reviewed a single wonderful book".

He was in no sense an intellectual. Although he once wrote an article of some erudition on Balzac, he preferred the stage and screen to books and to that kind of autobiography of which he wrote: "the gift of total recall is not a gift but a disaster".

His favourite authors were either entertainers such as Wodehouse or those on whom his humour would work such as "Sapper", John Buchan, Elizabeth Russell and Angela Brazil. He was responsible for Brazil's entry in the D.N.B.

His short stories and reviews were collected in three volumes, *Nineteen to the Dozen* (1953) and *Girls will be Girls* (1974) and *I Say!* (1977). His autobiography entitled *Life's Rich Pageant* appeared in 1984.

Marshall had retired to Devon in 1975 when Anthony Howard persuaded him to write a Diary for the *New Statesman*. He warmed to the task and, calling his home Myrtlebank, retailed the activities of characters in the village part fact, part fiction — though the two were interchangeable.

Later he wrote a regular feature for the *Sunday Telegraph*. By 1980 he was enjoying an Indian summer, and when he began to appear regularly on television, his popularity brought a shower of engagements and appearances.

Arthur Marshall was a flawless performer. In his romance with the stage he acquired the iron discipline of professional actors: he had perfect timing and never fluffed a line. Unable to write a dull sentence, he had once to explain that the passage which the literary editor was intending to excise contained his best joke.

He impaled his victims upon their own writings, which he would quote to devastating effect. His gaiety was so effervescent, and his chortle so unmistakeable, that one laughed with him and rather than against the victims. For him laughter was the most agreeable of sounds and, though he wrote that he had been lucky in his friends for providing it, it was he who set *them* laughing.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Henry VII, reigned 1485-1509, Pembroke Castle, 1457; Giovanni Borelli, astronomer, Naples, 1608; John Baskerville, type designer, Worcester, 1706; Charles George Gordon, general, London, 1833; Sir Henry Stanley, explorer, Denbigh, 1841; José Marti, poet and Cuban nationalist, Havana, 1853; William Seward Burroughs, pioneer of adding machines, New York, 1855; Colette, writer, Saint-Sauveur-en-Puisaye, 1873; Jackson Pollock, painter, Cody, Wyoming, 1912.

DEATHS: Charlemagne, Holy Roman Emperor 800-814, Aachen, 814; Henry VIII, reigned 1509-47, London, 1547; Sir Francis Drake, at sea off Panama, 1596; Sir Thomas Bodley, diplomat, founder of the Oxford library bearing his name, London, 1612/13; Sir William Beechey, painter, London, 1839; William Prescott, historian, Boston, Massachusetts, 1859; Adalbert Stifter, novelist, Linz, Austria, 1868; Vincente Blasco Ibanez, writer and politician, Menton, France, 1928; William Butler Yeats, poet, dramatist and Irish nationalist, Nobel laureate 1923, Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, 1939.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Emmanuel Swedenborg, philosopher, Stockholm, 1688; Thomas Paine, writer, and radical, Thetford, Norfolk, 1737; William McKinley, 25th president of the USA, 1897-1901, Niles, Ohio, 1843; Sir Ebenezer Howard, pioneer of garden cities, London, 1850; Anton Chekhov, Tagarov, Russia, 1860; Anton Chekhov, Tagarov, Russia, 1860; Frederick Delius, composer, Bradford, 1862; Romain Rolland, novelist, Nobel laureate 1915; Clamecy, France, 1866; Vicente Blasco Ibanez, writer and politician, Valencia, 1867; Havergal Brian, composer, Dresden, Staffordshire, 1876; W. C. Fields, actor, comedian, Philadelphia, 1880.

DEATHS: Edward Lear, poet and artist, San Remo, Italy, 1888; Alfred Sisley, painter, Monet-sur-Loing, 1899; Douglas Haig, field-marshal, 1st Earl Haig, London, 1928; James Bridie, pseudonym of Osborne Henry Mavor, dramatist, Edinburgh, 1951; Henry Louis Mencken, writer, Baltimore, Maryland, 1956; Fritz Kreisler, violinist, New York, 1962; Robert Frost, poet, Boston, Massachusetts, 1963.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope of a fool than of him.
Proverbs 26:12

BIRTHS

AMANDINI - On January 22nd, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Erica (née Ferguson) and Paul, a daughter Caterina.

COLES - On January 20th, to Maddy, (nee Watson-Smyth) and Mark, a daughter, Dora Charlotte, a sister for Lily.

HOPTON - On January 26th, to Marianne, wife of Christopher, a son William Edward Langley.

JACKSON - On January 23rd 1989, at Pembury Hospital, to Susie (née Bayliss) and Mark, a daughter, Tabitha Constance Haysom.

LEWIN - On January 24th, to Jill (née Herbert) and Charles, a son, Edward Charles, a brother for Georgina and Alice.

LLOYD-KIRK - On January 20th, at the Portland Hospital, London to Roddy and Juliana, a son, John Roderick Joseph.

LLOYD-KIRK - On January 20th, at the Portland Hospital, London to Roddy and Juliana, a daughter, Christiana Elisabeth Alexandra.

MEHARG - On January 19th, to Christine and Sean, a son, Nicholas Patrick, a brother for Jeremy.

MYLES TILL - On January 24th 1989, at the Lindo Wing, to Lynda and Stewart, a daughter, Olivia Louise.

NICHOLLS - On January 25th, at Wantage Hospital, to Juliet (née Weston) and David a daughter, Georgina, sister for Olivia and James.

O'CONNELL - On January 26th 1989, at University hospital of Wales, to Delyth Ann (née Watkins) and John, a son, Timothy Watkin.

PEARCE - On January 2nd to Julie (née Sealey) and Russell, a son Edward Kenneth, a brother to Rupert.

PESCOD - On January 24th 1989, to Bettina and Michael, a daughter, Rachel Jane.

ROBSON - On January 24th 1989, to Gillian (née Boodie) and Michael, a son, Oliver.

ROPER - On January 16th, to Sarah-Jane (née Prior) and David, a daughter Rosanna, a sister for Lucy and Alexandra.

SINGH - On January 14th, to Ann and Sarinder, a beautiful daughter, Victoria Elizabeth Rose.

SYMINGTON - On January 26th, to Jane (née Lathom-Browne) and Paul, a son, Harry, brother for Robert, Charlotte and Louisa.

TALBOTT - On January 17th 1989, to Julia (née Phillips) and Scott, a daughter, Jessica Emily, a sister for Charlotte.

TURBETT - On January 21st 1989, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London to Ailish (née Freyne) and Eyre, a daughter, Matilda.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

HUNT:CRICKETT - On January 28th 1939 in London, Kenneth Hunt to Mary Crickett, now of Ewell, Surrey.

DEATHS

BANKS - On Wednesday January 25th 1989, peacefully after a short illness in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, G.V. (Jess) Ph.D. of the University of Birmingham French department, aged 80. Beloved husband of Jenny, dear father of Sarah, Matthew and Joseph. Requiem mass at University of Birmingham Catholic Chaplaincy, Harrisons Road, Birmingham on Wednesday February 1st at 1.00pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Liver Unit Ward Fund.

BELSKY - On January 27th, in Sutton Courtenay, Margaret, the newspaper cartoonist. Only donations for Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

BENT - On January 27th at Northampton General Hospital, Jennifer, aged 46. Loved and loving wife of John and mother of Catherine and James.

BILEFIELD - On January 26th, peacefully after a long illness, Lionel Ivor Bilefield. Private funeral. No flowers, donations please to Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, Surrey.

BLAIR - On January 26th 1989, after a short illness, Cecil Michael Gordon Blair. Loving husband of Joan, dear father of Margaret, Timothy, Stephen and Peter, and adored grandfather. 'With Christ which is far better'. Funeral service at Christ Church, Bromley on Wednesday February 1st at 1.45pm. Donations, if desired, to the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society, 251 Lewisham Way, London SE4 1XF.

BROADBENT - On January 26th 1989, peacefully at home after a happy day, Robert Evelyn Cooper, aged 79, late Indian Civil Service, beloved husband of Moira and father of Paul, Robin and Margaret. Funeral at St Margaret's Church, Chipstead, on Wednesday February 1st at 12.30pm followed by creamation at 1.30pm at Randalls Park, Leatherhead. Please no flowers, donations to The Wild Life Fund and R.S.P.B. as he would wish.

COLBATCH-CLARK - On January 26th 1989, peacefully at home in Brighton, Kathleen Margaret aged 83 years. Funeral service at St Johns Church, Preston, Brighton, on Thursday February 2nd at 12.00 noon followed by cremation. No flowers by request, but donations if desired for Oxfam.

COLES - On December 23rd 1988, Peter J.P., in Lanzarote, beloved father of Robin, Mark and Chaniel.

CROSS - On January 26th 1989, at Deal, the Reverend W.A., Chaplin Northern Province, Tanganyika Territory 1935-39: Chaplin to the Forces (E.C.) C.F., S.C.F., D.A.C.G. 1940-46: Vicar of the Church Of The Martyrs, Leicester 1950-72.

CULLEN - On January 26th 1989, after a short time in hospital Isabelle a truly wonderful Mother to Sarah, David and Johnny and loving Grannie to Patrick, Katharine, James, Richard, Simon and Tim. Private cremation. No flowers but donations if desired, to Stephen Rulty Research Fund, (Re: Richards illness) c/o Dr A.D.B. Webster, Clinical Research Centre, Immunology Department, Watford Road, Harrow, Middx HA1 3UJ.

FELSTEAD - On January 26th 1989, after a long brave fight against cancer, Ian, much loved husband of Sheila and father of James, Amanda and Edward. Funeral at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth on Thursday February 2nd at 2.30pm. Family flowers only: donations if desired to The Medical Oncology Research Fund, c/o Masters & Son, 20 High Street, Lindfield, West Sussex RH16 2HH.

FIDLER - On January 24th, 1989, in hospital, Philip William, beloved husband of Anne and father of Philip and Penny.

GARLICK - On January 26th, suddenly in a Darlington Hospital, David Cameron, aged 51 years of Startforth and of the Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle. Dearly loved son of John and Marjorie Garlick of Sheffield and very dear brother of Ann, Susan and the late Roger. Service at St John's Church, Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Wednesday February 1st at 12.45 pm followed by interment at Ecclesall Churchyard. Flowers may be sent to John Heath & Sons, Funeral Directors, 14 Earsham Street, Sheffield.

GREENWOOD - On January 26th, suddenly and peacefully at South Bank Nursing Home, Worcester, Betty, aged 80. Beloved mother to Martin and Gillian, beloved grandmother to Nicola, Wendy, Michelle, Roz and Adrian. Funeral Service at Clifton-on-Teme Church, on Wednesday February 1st at 2.15 pm, followed by cremation at Worcester. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Worcester Cathedral Appeal Trust, 8 College Precinct, Worcester.

GURRIN - On January 25th in a Tunbridge Wells nursing home, Moira Patricia (née Drake-Lee) aged 86 years, wife of the late Harold Gurrin. Requiem Mass at St Augustine's Church, Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells on Thursday February 2nd at 10.30 am, followed by burial at Tunbridge Wells Cemetery. Family flowers only but donations, if wished, to a charity of your choice.

HOWARD - On January 24th, in her sleep, at Dalecare Nursing Home, Market Lavington, Julia Olive aged 93. Widow of Sedley Richmond Howard of Winnipeg, Canada, daughter of the late Mr. Mrs Edwin Pound of Wessington, Calne. Funeral February 3rd 2.00pm at Swindon Crematorium. Flowers to Winchcombe Funeral Service, Devizes.

HUNTLEY - On January 26th, peacefully in Ripon Hospital, Rosalind Mary Harcourt (Molly), the beloved wife of the late Ivan, a dear mother of Rosalind and David, and a loving grandmother. Funeral service at Saint John's Church, Mickley, Near Ripon, on Monday, January 30th at 2.30 p.m. A Thanksgiving Service to be arranged at Christchurch, South Nutfield. Family flowers only please, but donations may be given to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research. Inquiries to Ripon 85244.

KELLOUGH - On January 26th, peacefully in hospital, Dorothy Ada (Babs) sadly missed by her son Bill and friends. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Monday February 6th at 12 noon. Enquiries to J H Kenyon, 01 229 3810

LILLEY - On January 26th 1989, peacefully at Wycombe General Hospital, in her 70th year, Marion Brownlee Patricia. Loved Mother and Grandmother. Cremation service at 2.00 pm Thursday, February 2nd 1989, at Chilton Crematorium, Amersham. No flowers please, but donations, in memory if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

LUNN - On January 26th 1989, in Lymington, Alice Maud (Sally), for many years headmistress of Tunbridge Wells Grammer School for Girls. Funeral service at St. Thomas' Church, Lymington on Friday February 3rd at 1.30pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The St Thomas Fabric Appeal Fund may be sent to Diamond & Son Funeral Directors, 9/11 Lower Buckland Rd, Lymington, Hants. Tel: (0590) 72060.

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OGDEN - On Thursday January 26th 1989 peacefully in hospital, Dr. Dorothy Ogden aged 67, of The Haven, Cley Next The Sea, Norfolk and of Barga, Italy. Younger daughter of the late Clement Copeland Ogden F.R.I.B.A. and the late Florence Sarah Ogden of Leicester and sister of Muriel. Funeral service St. Faiths Crematorium, Norwich, at 2.00pm on Friday February 3rd. Holy Communion followed by interment of ashes at St Margaret's Church, Cley, at 11.00am on Saturday February 4th. By request no flowers please, but donations if desired to St Margaret's Church, Cley Next The Sea, Norfolk.

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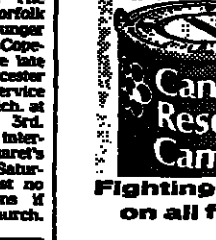
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The Commissioners propose to make an Order appointing trustees of this charity. Copies of the draft Order can be obtained, by sending a stamped addressed envelope, to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference DRP-205916-A1-CD(S1). Objections and suggestions can be sent within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

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NO. 007170 OF 1988
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KLARK-TEKNIK plc
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMPANIES ACT 1985
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GILBERT-NORTON (otherwise known as Clark) Marion Ann of 6 Quarrendon Street, London Sw6 3SV, died on 2nd October 1988. Particulars to Charles Russell Williams & James Solicitors of Hale Court, Lincolns Inn, London WC2A 3UL, before 29 March 1989.

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SETTREE Ethel Fanny (otherwise Ethel Settree) of West Park Hospital, Horton Lane, Epsom, Surrey, died on 27th January 1984. Particulars to Wells & Company, Solicitors of 4 Simon Campion Court, High Street, Epping, Essex CM16 4AU, before 30th March 1989.

PAGLIARANI Luigi of 57 Via Puglie, St. Andrea in Besanico, Coriano, 47040, Forli, Italy, died on 9th May 1988. Particulars to Rowe & Maw (Ref: 67/20239) Solicitors of 20 Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6HD, before 30th March 1989.

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SCIENCE REPORT

A symphony of pain

Rest is the cornerstone of therapy for the thousands of professional musicians who suffer pain and disability in order to make a living. That is the advice of Alan Lockwood, a neurologist at the Performing Arts Clinic at the University of Texas Medical School.

In a review of research into the playing-related problems of musicians, published in the January 26 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, Lockwood says that around half of all performing players experience medical difficulties related to making music.

String players run the most risk of injury; this is reflected in the preponderance of injuries to tendons and muscles in the hand and forearm. These injuries are the natural consequence of long hours spent rehearsing and performing; this involves a series of repetitive and energetic manoeuvres that must be carried out to a high degree of accuracy to achieve a professional-sounding result.

In most cases, the pain goes away when the music stops, although the injuries of some are so severe that surgery and a change of career are necessary.

The music students of today go on to become the recital and concert hall stars of tomorrow, subject to a range of nervous and muscular disorders which, although varied individually, are so distinctive as a group that, in the United States at least, whole research programmes are devoted to their study.

Playing the violin, for example, requires both physical stamina and high precision. Lockwood shows how musicians take for granted the complex interplay of nerves and muscles needed to play the instrument at all. The handling of the bow determines much of the character of the note, such as its duration and volume. The tolerances involved are so minute that very little, in physical terms, separates a good from a poor performance.

A multitude of biomechanical processes is involved in playing an instrument with precision, and any one can turn the promise of a fine performance into disastrous reality. This is why musicians' injuries are critical, and why players put up with pain as something that goes with the job.

Part of the problem is that musicians are trained to suffer discomfort from an early age. The prevalence of a "no pain, no gain" philosophy in music education has resulted in the acceptance of music-related injuries as an occupational hazard in 80 per cent of American high school students; many of them go on to develop one of a wide range of illnesses grouped under the catch-all heading of "over-use syndrome".

This term applies to any injury which is a result of repetitive physical stresses pushing tissues beyond their ability to cope. The syndrome is more common in women than men, and often results when musicians stretch themselves to master difficult pieces, with concomitant increases in rehearsal time and psychological stress.

The message from intensive research over the past few years into the physical manifestations of over-use syndrome is very clear: the only cure is complete rest, often for a long period. This has obvious financial implications for individual musicians as well as managers of orchestras.

A long term cure could be the schooling of young musicians in strengthening and relaxation exercises. After all, notes Lockwood, it would be an irresponsible football coach who ignored physical conditioning: there seems no reason why the same cannot be applied to the teaching of music.

Henry Gee

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Church services tomorrow

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CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Messe Solennelle (Langlais), God be in my head (Davies), Rev P G C Brett; 3.15 E, Responses (Rose), First Service (Ward), How lovely are thy dwellings fair (Brahms); 6.30 Sermon & Compline. The Archdeacon.
YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 15 S Euch, Jackson in G, Ven L Stanbridge; 11.30 M, The Short Service (Gibbons); 4 E, Jackson in G minor, O where shall wisdom be found (Boyce). Very Rev J Southgate.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; Responses (Aylewand); 10.30 M, Sumsion in G, Rev P Ball; 11.30 HC, Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams), O taste and see (Vaughan Williams); 3.15 E, Walmisley in D flat, My soul there is a country (Parry). Rt Rev M Wood.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Smith), Stanford in C, Praise the Lord all ye gentiles (Byrd), Rev Dr D Gray; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Rev Dr D Gray; 3 E, Stanford in A, I saw the Lord (Stainer), Rev D I S Jones; 5.45 Organ Recital; 6.30 ES. Rev P Ferguson.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Stanford in B flat, Surely thou has tasted (Rose), O Christ our Lord thy mysteries are complete (Drakeford), Canon P Price; 3 E, Wesley in E, Britten in C, How lovely are thy dwellings (Brahms).
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 10.30 SM, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), 12, 5.30, 7 SM; 3.30 V & B, Sicut cervus (Palestrina).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Fr M McVeigh.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace, 8.30 HC; 11 15 MP, My beloved spake (Hadley), Canon J F Hester.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY WC2: 11 15 M, Short Service (Gibbons), O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Howells), The Chaplain: 12.30 HC.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, O Lord my God (Wesley), And I saw a new heaven, The Chaplain.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M; 12 HC, God so loved the world (Goss), Locus iste (Bruckner), The Irish Guards. The Chaplain.
GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 11.15 Divine Service, Canon E James.
LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 8.30 S Euch, Rev F V A Boyse.
TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Short Service (Byrd), Beati quorum via (Stanford), The Chaplain.
TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 HC, Stanford in C & F, Splendente te (Mozart). Very Rev A Weddermoon.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Darke in F, I waited for the Lord (Mendelssohn), Rev M J Stokes.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Collegium Regale (Howells), Praise to God (arr. Campbell), The Chaplain; 3.30 E, O nata lux (Tallis), Arnold in A, O Lord the Maker (Joubert).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev R Dixon; 4 E.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 8.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Solemnis (Mozart), Light of the World (Elgar), Rev S J Hobbs; 6 E & B, Brewer in E flat, By the waters of Babylon (Boyce), Rev G A Reddington.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 HC; 11 Rev I Bentley; 6.30 Rev S Parke.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8, 12 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Mr D N Royce; 6 E, Preb C E L Thomson.
CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev S Watson.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Mass in C (Schubert), The Lord is my Shepherd (Berkeley), Rev A W Marks.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 11 HC, Rt Rev B Burnett; 6.30 ES, Rev N G P Gumbel.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30, 12.05 HC; 11 MP, The Bishop of Fulham.
HOLY TRINITY Sloane Street SW1, 8.30, 12 10 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Rev K L Yates.
ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 SM, Mass in B flat (Schubert), Fr J Gaskell; 6.30 LM.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 M & Euch, Short Service (Weelkes), Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Canon J Oates; 6.30 E, Responses (Tomkins), Purcell in D minor, Hear my words ye people (Parry). Canon J Oates.
ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Ireland in C, Thou will keep him in perfect peace (Wesley), Rev J Vine.
ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion; 6.30 E.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC, 11 S Euch, Mozart in D, Let my prayer come up (Purcell), The Rector.
ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12 HC; 11 MP, Rev P J Galloway; 6.30 EP, Rev G C Taylor.
ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 11 (1662), Rev G Rowlandson; 6.30 Spotlight Service.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 6 EP.
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Darke in F, How down thine ear (Arensky), Rev B Galloway; 6 E, Sumsion in A, My beloved spake (Hadley), The Vicar.
ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC; 10 Parish Euch with Sunday School, Rev B Callaghan; 6.30 Evening Worship, Sr V Fisher.
ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Walton), Set me as a seal (Walton), Rev A Walker; 6.30 E, The Vicar.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Darke in F, Jesu the very thought of thee (Bairstow), Rev D R Watson; 6.30 E, O Lord the Maker (Mundy), Rev M Butchers.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family Communion; 11 S Euch, Ireland in C, Ave verum (Elgar), Rev F Dewar.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 M, Rev C Richardson; 12.15 HC.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, Canon J Nurser; 11.30 MP, The Vicar; 2.45 Chinese Service (Family); 6.30 EP, Rev M Henwood.
ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 Euch, The Vicar; 11.15 M, The Vicar; 6.30 E, Rev A Boddy.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa sine nomine (Heredia), Jubilate Deo (Lassus), Panis angelicus (Franck), Canon C Colven; 6.15 E & B.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1, 8 HC; 11 Euch, Mass in G Minor (Vaughan Williams), The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Rev D Head; 6.30 E, Rev C Hamel Cooke.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1, 8.15 HC; 11 HC, Rev D C L Prior; 7 ES, Mr M Robinson.
ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Euch, Praise the Lord (Scott), Schubert in G, Sing joyfully (Byrd).
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Exsultate Deo (Howells), Lord grant grace (Gibbons), Canon W Darby.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Missa sine nomine (Hassler), Rev D B Tillyer.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 MP, Britten in C, The earth is the Lord's (Stanford), Preb J Pearce; 6.30 E, Dyson in F, How dear are thy counsels (Crotch), Rev A Pearce.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 HM, Communion Service (Darke), O Lord God (Marlow), Perfice gressus meos (Lassus), Gressus meus dirige (Lassus), Fr G Morgan; 6 E & B, Fr C Colven.
THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, The Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd), Prayer to Jesus (Oldroyd); 6 LM & B.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, 3 HC, Rev A W Cairns; 6.30 Rev J H McIndoe.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Dean of Westminster; 6.30 Rev Dr K G Hughes.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 8, 10, 12, 4, 6 LM; 11 SM.
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 Missa Orbis Factor (Williams), Anima Mea (Schutz).
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Dies Sanctificatus (Palestrina), Cantate Domino (Hassler), O sacrum convivium (Croce).
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 SM, Missa Ut Re Mi Fa So La (Palestrina), Simile est Regnum Caelorum (Guerrero), 12.30, 4.30, 7 SM; 3.30 V & B, O Sacrum Convivium (Croce).
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Ave Maris Stella (Tozer).
ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 Mass; 11 Mass for four voices (Byrd), Laudate Dominum (Pitoni), 12.15, 6.30.
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM, Missa Octavi Toni (Lassus), Adoremus te (Lassus).
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 11 Rev E Waugh; 6.30 Mr A MacDonald.
HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 10 HC, Donald Soper; 11 HC, Leslie Griffiths; 6.30 Phil Hoar.
KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9, 11, 6.30 Wynne Lewis; 2.30 Colin Dye.
KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 Changing Ministry, Rev P Lovett; 6.30 Rev P Lovett.
REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN URC, Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Rev A McLennan; 6.30 Pilgrims' Praise.
SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St W1: 11, 3, 6.30, Mr & Mrs G Skipsey.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 HC, Rev R T Englund; 7 Holy Fools V & Celebration with Clowns, Rev P Forbes.
ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NW8: 11 Rev Ungoed-Davies.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 Rev P Hulme.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 Rev Dr R J Tudor; 6.30 Rev D Banner.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate,SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.
WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Norfolk music festival plan

The Prince of Wales is supporting a new music venture being launched in Norfolk by Ruth Lady Fermoy.

Lady Fermoy, a lady-in-waiting to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and grandmother of the Princess of Wales, has set up a trust under the Prince's patronage with the aim of bringing "beautiful music to beautiful churches".

The Prince will attend the launching of "Music in Country Churches", with two concerts being held at Salle parish church, near Reepham, Norfolk, in May.

Church news

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Alan S Dean, Priest-in-charge, St John Holme-in-Cliviger, diocese of Blackburn: to retire on 1 April 1989.
Canon Richard Bevan, Residentiary Canon of Carlisle Cathedral, diocese of Carlisle: to retire on 31 May 1989.
Canon Robert Eke, Vicar and Rural Dean of Alton, diocese of Winchester: to retire on 30 June 1989.
The Rev Eric F W Knight, Vicar, Charlton All Saints, diocese of Salisbury: to retire.
Canon Frederick J Room, Vicar in the Thetford Team Ministry, and Industrial Chaplain, diocese of Norwich: to retire on 23 April 1989.
The Rev Frank J P Smith, Rector, Aldringham with Thorpe St Andrew, Knodishall with Buxlow St Lawrence and Friston, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: to retire on 3 April 1989.
The Rev Jeffrey D M Smith, Rector, Catfield, and of Ingham and Sutton, diocese of Norwich: to retire on 26 April 1989.

Church in Wales

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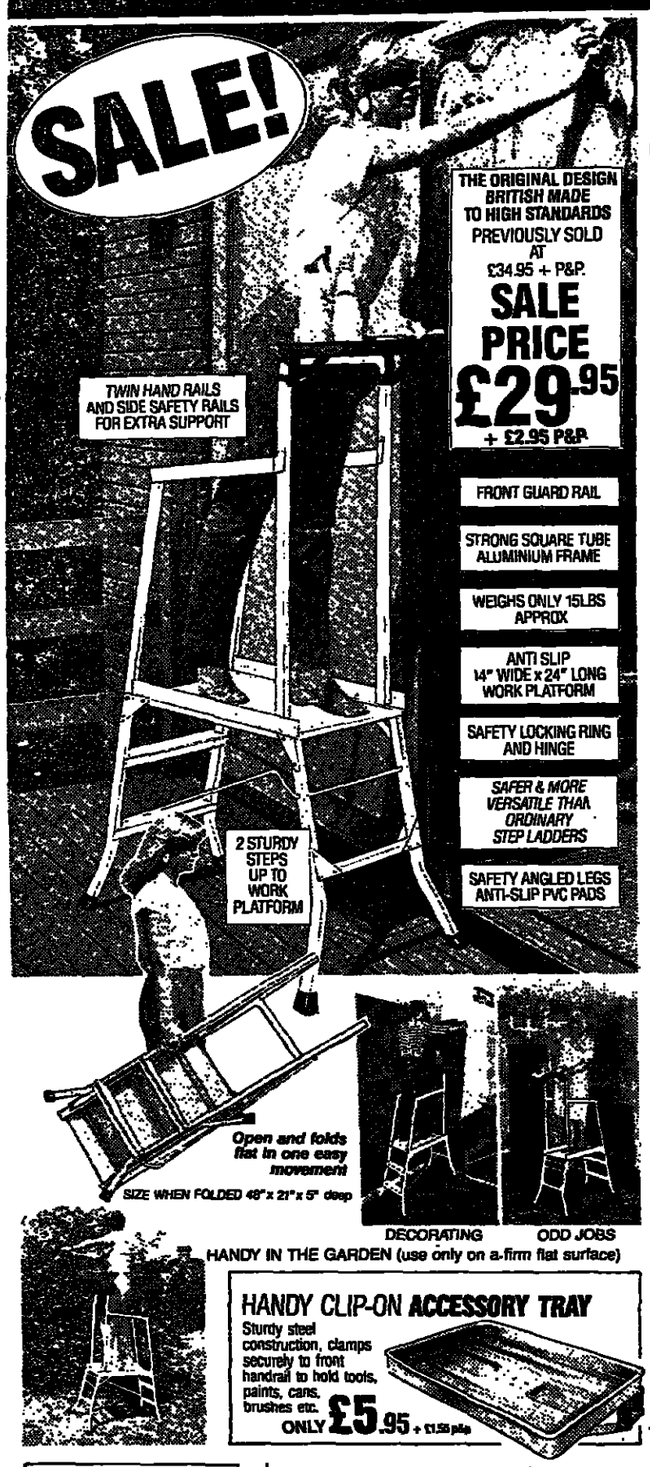
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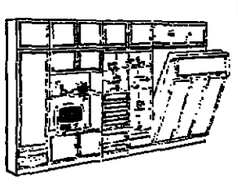
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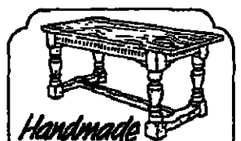


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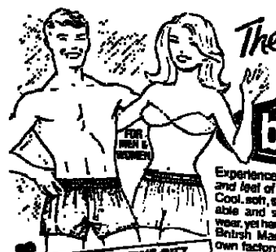
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WORD-WATCHING

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FULL-FRILLS
(b) Having a wide range of desirable features; *Economist*: "The new carrier is an attempt to introduce a full-frills first-class service to America's skies." The opposite of *no-frills* (often itself a term of approval) is felt, interestingly, to be not *frilly* but *full-frills*.

HAPTIC
(a) Pertaining to the sense of touch; *haptics* is the science of studying data obtained by means of touch; from the Greek *haptein* to fasten.

TALIPOT
(b) The East Asian fan-palm (Corypha), from the Sinhalese *talapata*, Sanskrit *tali palmyra palm + patra* leaf.

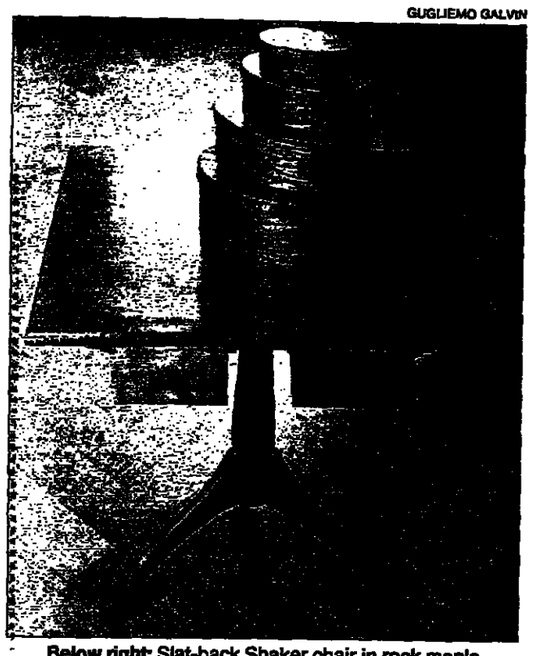
JARK
(b) A seal on a document (usually a fraudulent document); a pass or safe conduct; lowlife cant that has survived for four centuries, often corrupted to *jack*, perhaps connected with Romany *jarika* an apron.

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SHOPPING

Deyan Sudjic traces a legacy of American furniture design from a strict 18th-century religious sect to a new London shop

Keeping a plain faith



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Below right: Slat-back Shaker chair in rock maple with canvas webbing seat, £79 unassembled or £140 assembled. "Enfield" side table in rock maple, £135 or £200. Shoemaker's candle-stand in rock maple, a reproduction of one from the Mount Lebanon community in New York State, £60 or £110

Above: Two-drawer "sewing stand" table in rock maple, £100 or £210. Oval boxes, reproduced to the exact specifications of the Sabbath Lake community's boxes, hand-made in cherrywood and secured with copper nails, £20-£50 each, or a set of six for £230. Other items available shown with Tim Lamb (right) are a low-back chair, £65 or £110; serving table in clear maple, £200 or £350; armless rocker, £120 or £220; and a cherrywood wall clock, £110 or £220



Shaker champion: Tim Lamb with some of the furniture and artefacts, manufactured in Boston but faithful to the original designs of Shaker communities, that he will be selling from May

That the relics of a millenerian sect preaching such profoundly un-American virtues as celibacy and communism should turn out to be among the most prized of American antiques is, on the face of it, about as likely as Ronald Reagan accepting a retirement gift from Colonel Gaddafi.

In fact, it is a tribute to the skills of generations of Shaker craftsmen, and the quality of their furniture, which combines the rustic charm of handicraft with a simplicity and spare elegance that comes close to the minimalism of the Japanese. This unique combination has given the Shaker style — if style is quite the right word for such a fervently held faith — the wide constituency it now has. It appeals to both the country house brigade, and to the matt-black modernist tendency.

Fragments of reproduction Shaker work have been available in Britain for a while. Sir Terence Conran, a long-time enthusiast, has included a number of Shaker-influenced furniture designs in the Habitat catalogue, and sells reproduction Shaker boxes and baskets at the Conran shop, and the Shaker look was a strong influence on the design of the huge new Armani shop opening in London next month.

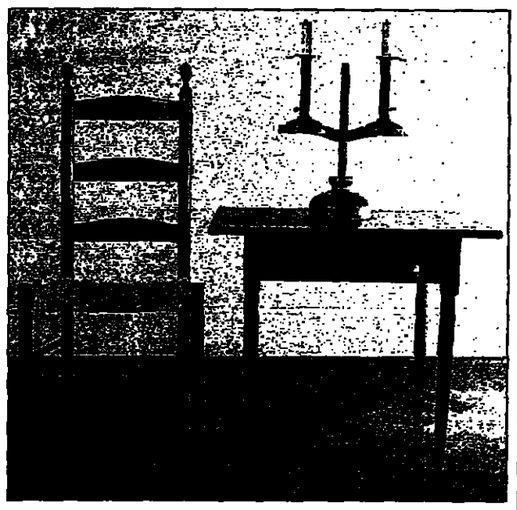
Now the graphic designer Tim Lamb — whose main claim to fame so far has been the Next mail-order catalogue — has taken the whole thing a stage further. He has moved into retailing on his own account, and signed an agreement with Shaker workshops in America to import a range of reproduction Shaker furniture and artefacts to sell in a Shaker shop in London.

As a religion, Shakerism, or the United Society of Believers in the First and Second Appearance of Christ, is on its last legs. From a peak of 6,000 members in 1840 the sect has dwindled to fewer than a dozen adherents, all — since the Shakers took the decision in 1965 to admit no new members — now in advanced old age.

The Shakers (from "shaking Quakers" — a name that came from their curious whirling dervish rituals) were not only celibate but extremely selective about accepting converts. But the policies of the sect's founder, Ann Lee, an Englishwoman who moved to America in the 1770s, have produced a remarkable legacy. She saw lust and violence as the root of most human evils; her antidote was to build self-sufficient communities in which believers lived as pacifists and celibates. At one time there were 19 Shaker communes from Maine to Kentucky, supporting themselves by selling produce, herbs, cosmetics, knitwear and furniture to the outside world.

Unlike the Amish, with whom the Shakers are sometimes compared, the sect was perfectly prepared to accept modern technology such as electricity and telephones, and even television and cars. What made them stand out was the remarkable quality of Shaker artefacts. "Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle," Mother Ann told the Shakers, for whom work was a form of religious worship.

For the most part their designs were based on the models of the society around them, adapted to the particular needs of life in a commune, in which all property was held jointly, and where uniformity and plainness, in everything



from dress to tombstones, were seen as the most desirable of qualities. The Shakers abhored fuss and ostentation. They designed their buildings to be maintained as simply as possible — hence the peg rail which lined the walls, on which they hung anything from hats to chairs to keep them out of the way. And they lavished considerable ingenuity on designing such remarkable artefacts as communal stoves that could warm dozens of flat irons simultaneously, or sliding airing cupboards for their laundries.

"Beadings, mouldings and cornices which are merely for fancy, may not be made by believers," the Shakers' code said. The society's rules went so far as to prescribe paint colours for every building in the whole commune. Since every chair, every work bench and every basket belonged to the community as a whole, and might be redeployed at any time, they were carefully made to avoid any sign of status or ornament. What they all shared, however, was a remarkable grace that came from an extreme economy of means, and a simple pleasure taken in workmanship. Their quality was all the more remarkable since Shaker craftsmen were rarely specialists, but would expect to work at a variety of jobs within the community — anything from barber to dentist and to farm hand.

Lamb's reproductions are faithful to the lines of the Shaker originals. He is bringing in rocking chairs and tables, baskets and desks, available both in kit form and ready-assembled for those who do not feel up to measuring themselves against the skills of the original Shakers.

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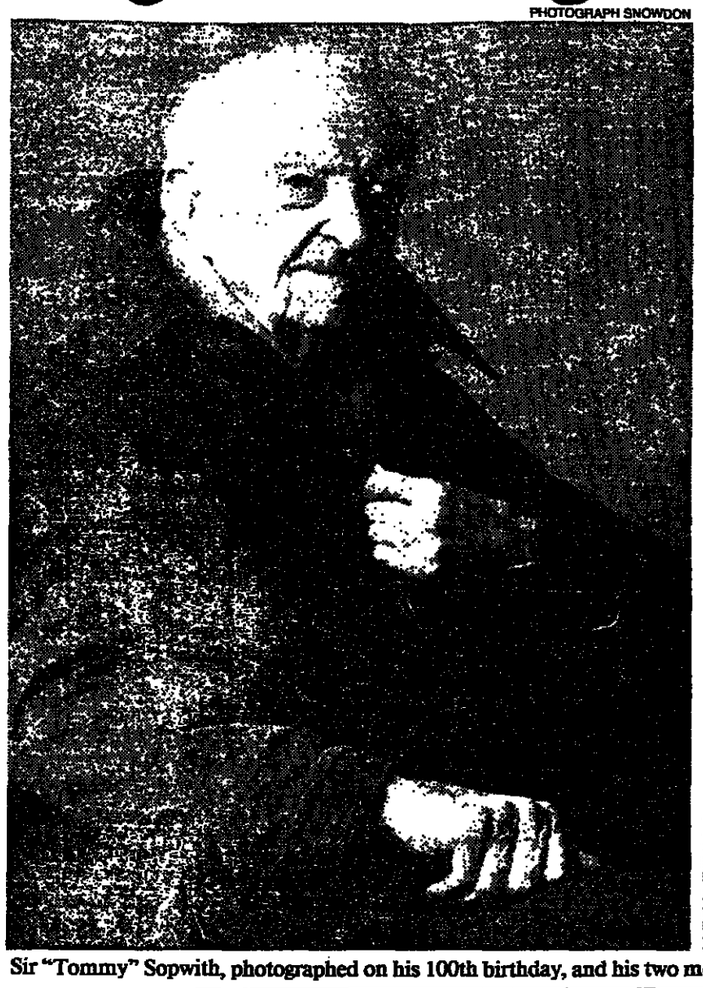
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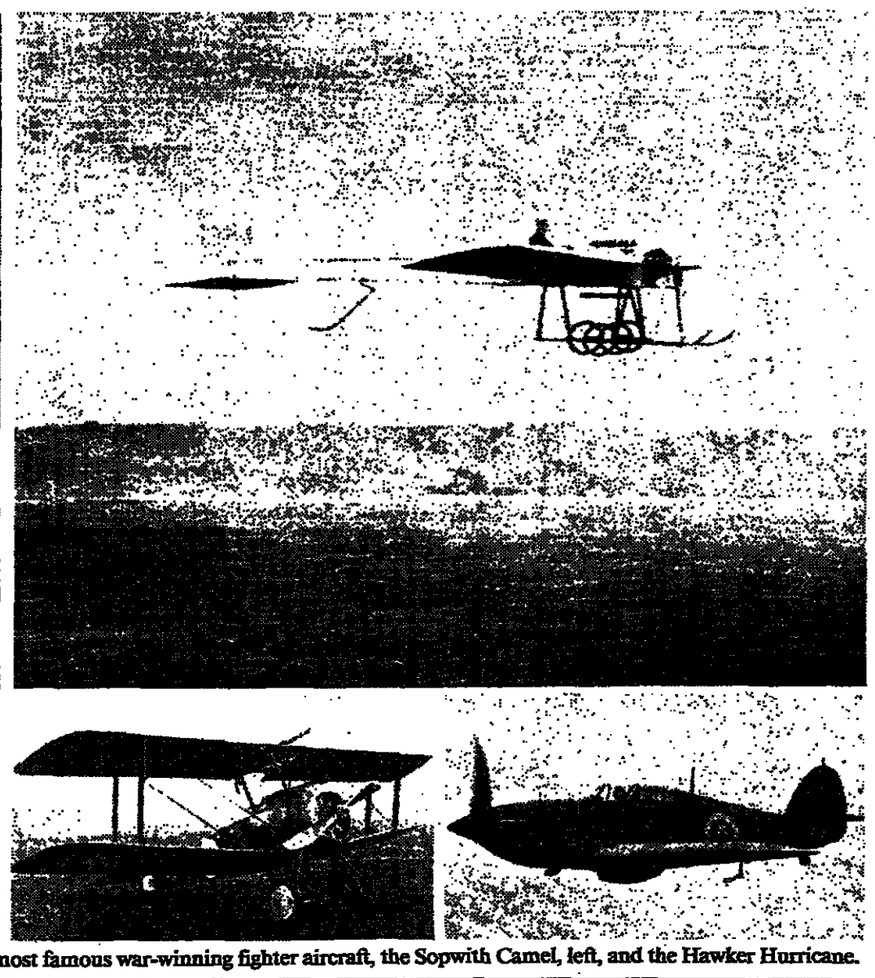
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Flight that began historic career of aviation pioneer

PHOTOGRAPH SNOWDON





Sir "Tommy" Sopwith, photographed on his 100th birthday, and his two most famous war-winning fighter aircraft, the Sopwith Camel, left, and the Hawker Hurricane.

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Moments after the photograph, left, was taken on October 22, 1910, Tommy Sopwith crashed his Howard Wright "Avis" monoplane at Brooklands airfield after his first flight as an untrained pilot.

He emerged unscathed, the experience serving only to deepen a love of flying that led him to become one of the great aviation pioneers of this century.

Sir "Tommy" Sopwith, who died at his Hampshire home yesterday "of old age" at 101, had started as a keen balloonist.

But, crossing the Channel from France in his yacht, he was awestruck by the sight of a Bleriot monoplane passing overhead. He was determined to fly himself and, on landing in Folkestone, set about tracking down a British-built aircraft.

One of the few then available was the Avis, made by a motor mechanic who had been dabbling in aviation called Howard Wright. Sopwith bought it for £630 on the spot and had it brought down to Brooklands to test.

After teaching himself how to taxi he took off and flew straight and level for only a few seconds — when the photograph was taken — before the aircraft stalled and crashed. Within days he had bought a biplane made by the same firm. Having taught himself to fly a month later, he became the 31st person in Britain to hold an Aviator's Certificate, the forerunner of today's Private Pilot's Licence.

His aircraft, from the Sopwith Pup and Camel to the Hawker Hurricane, bore the brunt of aerial defence in two wars and his work with jet engines led eventually to the development of the Harrier vertical take off and landing aircraft.

Sir Peter Masefield, himself a doyen of British aviation and a friend of Sir Thomas for more than 50 years, said yesterday: "Quite simply we would not be here today without him. During the First World War his aircraft made an invaluable contribution to the Royal Flying Corps and eventually the RAF, and the Hurricane then won the Battle of Britain for us, claiming more than 80 per cent of the victories. He was an original pioneer and a very great man."

Thomas Octave Murdoch Sopwith was a daredevil in the broadest sense of the word, winning the Schneider Trophy race in his own Tabloid float plane as well as coming close to beating the Americans for the America's Cup in the Endeavour, a yacht of his own design.

But it was his organizing genius as well as his aeronautical skills which were to lead to the enormous success of the large number of Sopwith aircraft and eventually those produced by Hawker Siddeley of which he remained chairman until 1963.

In his last years he became blind and was unable to see a spectacular flying display of many of his aircraft over his home on his 100th birthday. But he heard the familiar roar and was obviously delighted.

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Kidney transplant crisis meeting



Dr Crockett photographed leaving his home yesterday.

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retrieve some of the money.

Mr Ferhat Usta, the Turkish was sent an letter on National Kidney Centre notepaper last July to ease his passage through immigration.

The letter was from Mr Ken Westall, who signed as administrative director.

A long-time associate of Dr Crockett, Mr Westall was not, in fact, employed by the centre until January 1 this year.

Mr John Cyster, chairman of the National Kidney Centre trustees, yesterday said: "Following the report in *The Times* I have decided to call a meeting of the trustees as soon as possible."

Although he would not discuss the agenda for that meeting, which could be held next week, it is understood that it will concentrate on Mr Westall's actions, claims that the dialysis facilities were being used for patients awaiting transplants from paid-for donors, the financing of the centre, and Dr Crockett's future as medical director.

● **Istanbul** — Unmoved by the authorities' attempts to stamp out the illegal sale of live organs, Istanbul's human kidney market was back in business yesterday with vendors charging up to £30,000 for a transplant (Nicholas Beeston writes).

Driven by desperation, greed and ignorance, several men and women in their 20s and 30s advertised and wrote to newspapers offering to sell their kidneys.

"You are the third caller I have had today," a young man told me, boasting that his relative youth meant he could charge five times the going rate for his organ.

He took out a classified advertisement in the *Sabah* newspaper under the heading "Miscellaneous", and gave his blood group, the price and his telephone number.

● Leading renal transplant surgeons called yesterday for a tightening of procedures for ensuring that living donors are related and that no money has changed hands.

Bush denies China card

Washington — President Bush said yesterday he had no intention of "playing the China card" against the Soviet Union in his visit to Peking next month (Michael Binyon writes).

"Being that close, it just seemed like an appropriate visit," he said of the decision to return via Peking from Emperor Hirohito's funeral.

He defended the caution he and General Brent Scowcroft, his National Security Adviser, have expressed over relations with Moscow but distanced himself slightly from General Scowcroft's assertion that the Cold War was not over.

Spring is here — but beware

Continued from page 1

fluctuations are the first evidence of the "greenhouse effect"; the influence of a gigantic area of colder than normal surface water in the Pacific called La Niña that appeared last spring; or changes created by the greater energy pouring from the Sun.

The Danish Meteorological Office believes the unusual weather is "a purely random statistical phenomenon".

Whatever the reasons behind it, the early arrival of spring has provoked some unusual sights.

People are eating ice cream in Stockholm, sunbathing in Nice and wearing shorts in Madison, Wisconsin. Robins have been seen in Chicago; shrubs are flowering in Seoul. In West Germany, doctors report a rash of typical spring ailments such as circulatory problems at a time when they would normally be treating skiing injuries.

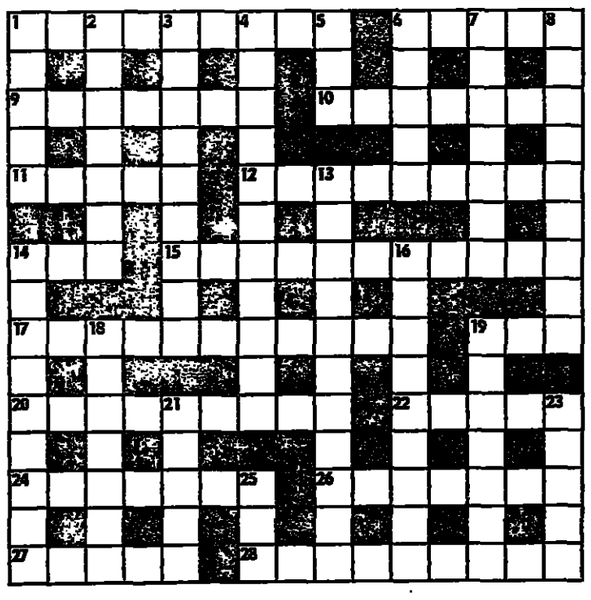
In the United States, where only the Rockies, the Northern Plains and parts of New England have seen snow, scientists say colder than usual surface water off the South American coast, caused by La Niña, has disrupted the atmosphere and driven winter storms southward.

La Niña may have been responsible for last summer's drought in the United States according to a new computer study by Dr Kevin Trenberth and his team at the National Centre for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado.

It had been blamed on the greenhouse effect: the burning of fossil fuels and the dumping of pollutants into the atmosphere leading to a global warming of our planet.

Dr Trenberth and his team built a computer programme simulating circulation patterns in the atmosphere and fed in the unusual conditions that had been observed last year. The result closely matched what actually happened last summer: high altitude winds that normally carry rain were shifted northward over Canada.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,891



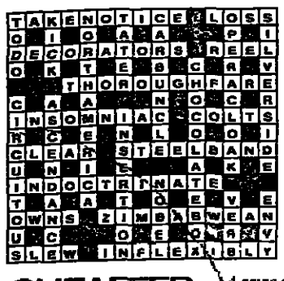
ACROSS

1 Punk has to ward off evil (5,4).
6 Brooke's said to be a poet (5).
9 Artist shows military leaders what a trench looks like (7).
10 Outer covering of fruit — date (7).
11 Still more aggrieved when love is rejected by king (5).
12 A truism, there's no more to be said (5,4).
14 Read out letter's last words dramatically (3).
15 Appear to undergo conversion (3,3,5).
17 Palgrave, for instance, has left 18 in disarray (11).
19 Dry atmosphere (3).
20 In which I hunt down crooks (9).
22 Foreign football regulations (5).
24 I do more to make money (7).
26 Move around in Lancashire town or city (7).
27 Black or possibly white piece, we hear (5).
28 By dressing, I'll turn up in a hat (9).

DOWN

1 Oddly, took views that were slithy (5).
2 Discourage private, removing his leader before Continental victory (7).
3 Man approaching battlefield to give command that's tricky (3,6).
4 Delighted cow went here (4,3,4).
5 Duck can be found in duckpond, I presume (3).
6 Is extravagant with music (5).
7 Jehu showed the way to be greedy (4-3).
8 A risky business, to turn up without final witness (9).
13 Not believing that Alice is artificial (11).
14 President gives one up daily (9).
16 After having a friend on the side (9).
18 Attracting attention in London (7).
19 All right — I'll admit it quickly (7).
21 Ship about to be wrecked (1-4).
23 Mark's second kiss (5).
25 Decline to live up to a brilliant start (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,885



Solution to Puzzle No 17,890



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London: *The FT Index closed up 37.6 at 1638.9.*

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

FULL-FRILLS
a. A peacock display
b. With all the trimmings
c. A type of ruching

HAPTIC
a. To do with touching
b. Arabic backgammon
c. A laughter twitch

TALIPOT
a. A winning shot
b. A palm tree
c. A chocolate mousse

JARK
a. To vomit
b. A fraudulent seal
c. Boiled tripe

Answers on page 14

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: R F Holder, 339 Maidenhead Rd, Windsor, Berks; J M Gorsuch, Mayhews, Berks Hill, Chorleywood, Herts; A Hunt, 73 Hammerwood Rd, Ashurst Wood, East Grinstead, Sussex; D W Nicolson, Darwin College, Cambridge; P N Storey, 13 Southwood Court, London NW11.

Concise crossword, page 39

WEATHER

Cold in Scotland with showers in the west and gales in the north. Sunshine in Wales, Northern Ireland and northern England. In South-east and South-west England, the Midlands, and East Anglia, colder weather will follow a mild, cloudy start. Outlook: south, dry and frosty. North, rain.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	s	Majorca	15	59	s
Alex'dria	17	63	f	Malaga	15	59	s
Amst'dm	6	43	s	Malta	15	59	s
Athens	9	48	c	Melb'rne	32	90	s
Barbados*	29	84	f	Milan	1	34	fg
Barcelna	14	57	s	Montreal*	-5	23	sl
Berlin	3	37	s	Moscow	1	34	c
Bermuda*	19	66	s	Nairobi	24	75	s
Biarritz	14	57	s	Naples	13	55	s
Brussels	8	46	s	Nice	14	57	s
B Aires*	33	91	s	Oslo	5	41	d
Cairo	17	63	s	Paris	6	43	s
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Perth	23	73	f
C'blanca	15	59	f	Prague	-3	27	c
Chicago*	3	37	s	Reykjvik	1	34	sn
C'hagn	5	41	s	Rhodes	14	57	s
Corfu	13	55	s	Rio de J	31	88	s
Dublin	13	55	c	Rome	11	52	s
Faro	14	57	s	Salzburg	1	34	s
Florence	9	48	s	S F'isco*	11	52	s
Frankfurt	-3	27	c	Santiago*	34	93	s
Geneva	0	32	c	S Paulo*	31	88	f
Helsinki	3	37	s	Seoul	-5	21	s
Hong K	15	59	c	St'holm	5	41	f
Innsbruck	4	39	s	Strasb'g	-2	28	fg
Istanbul	7	45	c	Sydney	23	73	c
Jeddah	28	82	s	Tel Aviv	18	64	f
Jo'burg*	23	73	f	Tenerife	20	68	f
L Palmas	19	66	f	Tokyo	15	59	f
La Toquet	10	50	f	Tunis	15	59	f
Lisbon	11	52	s	Valencia	8	46	f
Locarno	6	43	s	Vanc'ver*	5	41	r
L Angels*	16	61	s	Venice	7	45	s
Luxembg	-3	27	fg	Warsaw	1	34	s
Luxor	21	70	s	Wash'ton*	6	43	r
Madrid	5	41	s	Zurich	-2	28	c

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Minehead, Somerset, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Wick 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0.4in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne, Brighton, Worthing, 7.5hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 5.13 pm to 7.14 am
Bristol 5.23 pm to 7.23 am
Edinburgh 5.07 pm to 7.43 am
Manchester 5.14 pm to 7.43 am
Penzance 5.14 pm to 7.29 am

TOMORROW
London 5.15 pm to 7.12 am
Bristol 5.25 pm to 7.22 am
Edinburgh 5.10 pm to 7.41 am
Manchester 5.16 pm to 7.28 am
Penzance 5.41 pm to 7.29 am

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.04	7	45	cloudy
Hunstanton	1.2	-	9	48	cloudy
Lowestoft	5.0	-	9	48	sunny
Southend	7.0	-	10	50	sunny
Folkestone	7.1	-	9	48	sunny
Eastbourne	7.5	-	10	50	sunny
Worthing	7.5	-	10	50	sunny
Bognor R	7.4	-	10	50	sunny
Southsea	6.4	-	10	50	sunny
Sandown	7.0	-	10	50	sunny
Bournemth	3.8	-	11	52	bright
Swanage	4.1	-	11	52	sunny
Weymouth	5.1	-	11	52	sunny
Torquay	3.2	-	13	55	bright
Falmouth	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Penzance	1.8	.08	13	55	shower
Scilly Isles	1.5	.15	12	54	bright
Newquay	0.3	.03	13	55	rain
Mineshead	2.7	-	13	55	bright
Morecambe	1.1	.14	10	50	dull
Douglas	4.8	.17	10	50	bright
Aspatria	4.4	.04	10	50	sunny
Buxton	-	.12	7	45	shower
Leeds	0.8	.02	9	48	rain
Nottingham	-	.06	9	48	rain
Anglesey	4.5	.16	11	52	bright
Colwyn Bay	5.1	.04	13	55	sunny
Tenby	2.2	.08	11	52	cloudy
Aberdeen	5.0	-	9	48	sunny
Aviemore	5.0	.11	7	45	sunny
Eskdalemuir	1.3	.40	8	46	bright
Kinloss	3.6	.01	8	46	rain
Lerwick	2.6	.22	7	45	hail
Prestwick	4.7	.18	10	50	shower
Stornoway	4.0	.22	7	45	sunny
Tiree	3.3	.08	8	46	shower
Wick	4.3	.02	7	45	sunny

These are Thursday's figures

LONDON

Thursday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 4C (39F). Humidity: 6pm, 78 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.2 hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1026.1 millibars, rising.

MANCHESTER

Thursday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.008 ins. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.9 hrs.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	12	54	r	Guernsey	11	52	f
B'ingham	11	52	f	Inverness	13	55	f
Blackpool	12	54	f	Jersey	8	46	c
Bristol	12	54	f	London	10	50	c
Cardiff	12	54	c	M'chester	11	52	f
Edinburgh	12	54	c	Newcastle	12	54	c
Glasgow	11	52	r	R'ridaway	11	52	c

HIGH TIDES

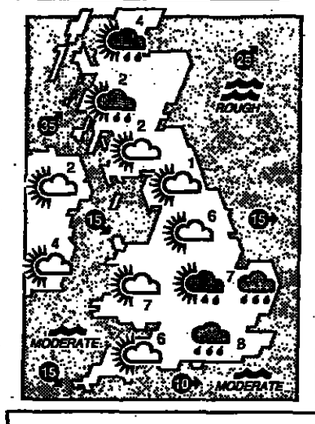
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London Bridge	5.22	6.4	5.51	6.4	London Bridge	5.57	6.2	6.28	6.1
Aberdeen	5.02	3.6	5.01	3.8	Aberdeen	5.44	3.4	5.44	3.6
Avonmouth	10.41	11.8	10.59	11.1	Avonmouth	11.13	11.2	11.29	10.5
Belfast	2.47	3.0	3.07	3.2	Belfast	3.27	2.9	3.50	3.1
Cardiff	10.26	11.0	10.44	10.8	Cardiff	10.58	10.4	11.14	9.8
Devonport	8.57	5.0	9.18	4.7	Devonport	9.28	4.8	9.55	4.6
Dover	2.29	6.1	2.43	5.8	Dover	3.01	5.9	3.19	5.6
Falmouth	8.27	4.8	8.48	4.5	Falmouth	8.55	4.8	9.25	4.4
Glasgow	4.34	4.3	4.26	4.7	Glasgow	5.03	4.2	5.06	4.6
Harwich	3.11	3.7	3.38	3.5	Harwich	3.45	3.6	4.14	3.4
Holyhead	1.49	4.8	2.01	4.9	Holyhead	2.29	4.5	2.42	4.7
Hull	9.59	6.5	10.07	6.8	Hull	10.35	6.3	10.47	6.4
Ilfracombe	9.28	8.0	9.45	7.9	Ilfracombe	9.59	7.6	10.20	7.2
King's Lynn	10.05	5.5	10.04	5.8	King's Lynn	10.37	6.2	10.39	6.4
Leith	6.19	4.7	6.36	4.8	Leith	6.58	4.5	7.16	4.6
Liverpool	2.40	8.2	2.53	8.3	Liverpool	3.14	7.9	3.28	7.9
Lowestoft	12.43	2.4	2.39	2.0	Lowestoft	2.22	2.3	2.22	2.0
Margate	3.25	4.4	3.55	4.5	Margate	4.02	4.2	4.34	4.0
Milford Haven	9.50	6.1	10.09	5.8	Milford Haven	10.24	5.8	10.45	6.5
Newquay	8.45	6.2	9.04	5.8	Newquay	9.20	5.9	9.42	5.5
Oban	9.04	3.5	9.32	3.3	Oban	9.40	3.3	10.11	3.1
Penzance	8.04	5.1	8.27	4.7	Penzance	8.37	4.8	9.07	4.6
Portland	9.57	1.8	10.25	1.6	Portland	10.24	1.6	10.49	1.5
Portsmouth	3.01	4.3	3.08	4.0					

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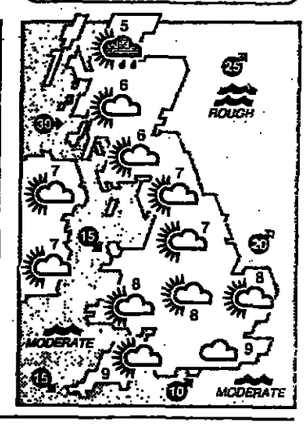
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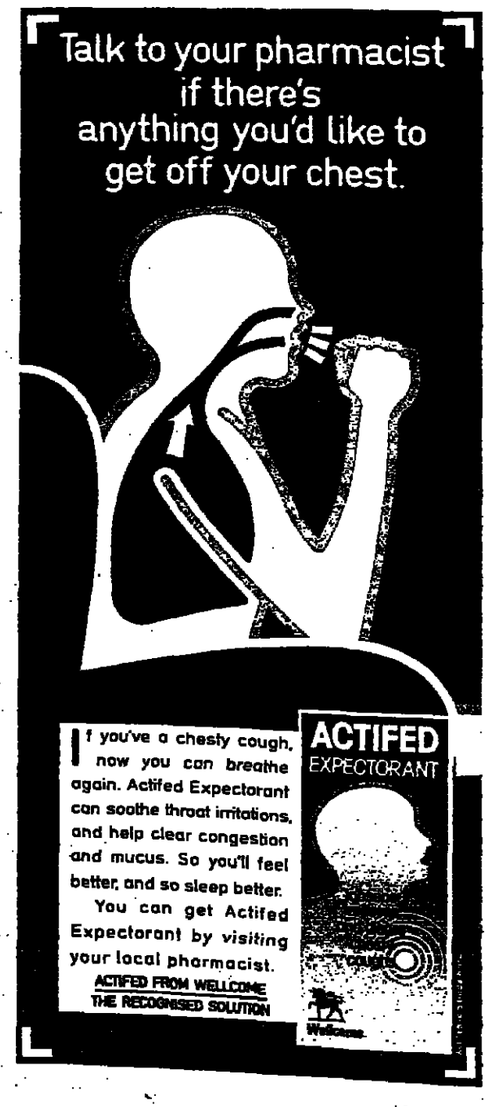
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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7605 (–0.0125)

W German mark
3.2710 (+0.0025)

Exchange index
98.1 (same)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1638.9 (+37.6)

FT-SE 100
2005.9 (+46.1)

USM (Datastream)
157.68 (+2.08)

GEC legal action

GEC is taking legal action to prevent Plessey from assuming full control of GPT, their jointly-owned telecommunications company. This month, Plessey served notice of its intention to exercise its option to buy out GEC, claiming that the proposed £1.7 billion joint takeover of Plessey by Siemens and GEC was a breach of agreements.

Gold drops

Gold was fixed below $400 an ounce for the first time since October 5, with dealers attributing the decline to the continued strength of equities and options-related selling. The London afternoon fix was $399.75.

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2333.57 (+42.50)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 31646.13 (+134.32)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2956.95 (+46.38)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 309.1 (+1.9)
Sydney: AO ..... 1542.6 (+2.6)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1686.4 (+13.6)
Brussels:
General ..... 5790.8 (+2.2)
Paris: CAC ..... n/a
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 542.2 (+0.3)
London:
FT-A All-Share ..... n/a
FT-"500" ..... n/a
FT Gold Mines ..... 173.9 (+0.7)
FT Fixed interest ..... 97.12 (–0.17)
FT Govt Secs ..... 66.78 (+0.39)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Bass ..... 895p (+19p)
Barclays Bank ..... 464½p (+20p)
MAM ..... 425p (+33p)
Tate & Lyle ..... 242p (+18p)
Henderson Admin ..... 715p (+35p)
Redland ..... 476p (+15p)
Ward White ..... 257½p (+21p)
GKN ..... 348p (+17p)
Kershaw 'A' ..... 605p (+50p)
Rank Org ..... 822p (+39p)
Bowater ..... 453p (+22p)
Cookson ..... 308½p (+22p)
BICC ..... 442½p (+18p)
General Accident ... 295½p (+23p)
Sun Life ..... 960p (+22p)
Pearson ..... 719p (+26p)
Polly Peck ..... 313p (+20p)
FALLS:
Hogg Robinson ..... 145½p (–18p)
G Oliver ..... 515p (–10p)
Barton Transport ..... 625p (–25p)
4pm prices
Bargains 50982
SEAQ Volume 1169.2m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 13%
3-month interbank 13-12[illegible]%
3-month eligible bills: 12[illegible]-12½%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10½%
Federal Funds 9⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 8.35-8.34%*
30-year bonds 102[illegible]-102[illegible]*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7605	£: $1.7595*
$: DM3.2710	$: DM1.8627*
£: SwFr2.7816	$: SwFr1.5865*
£: FFr11.1264	$: FFr6.3340*
£: Yen227.63	$: Yen129.15*
£: Index:98.1	$: Index:67.9
ECU £0.637729	SDR £0.743843

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $402.05 pm-$399.75
close $399.00-399.50 (£226.50-227.00)
New York:
Comex $399.20-399.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Feb) pm $16.25bbl ($16.60)
* Denotes latest trading price

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● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: after better-than-expected trade figures, notable gains for SG Warburg (02581), up 14p and Ward White (01946), up 19p on consortium bid hopes. Favourable comment lifted Ladbroke (02640) 13p and WPP (02197) 15p. Hopes of lower interest rates encouraged retail and property stocks, GUS A (02610) jumping 29p and MEPC (01081) making 19p..
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December trade figures lift FT-SE index through 2,000 level

Shares surge to post-crash high

By Michael Clark

The London stock market yesterday enjoyed one of its best performances since the crash, helped by better-than-expected December trade figures.

More than £10 billion was added to the value of Britain's publicly quoted companies as investors chased share prices sharply higher, sending the market surging back through the important 2,000 level for the first time since Black Monday, in October 1987.

At one stage, the FT-SE 100 was 57 points up, but eventually closed 46.1 higher at 2,005.9. It is now just 46.4 points short of the 2,052.3 it stood at on the morning of Black Monday, when £55 billion was wiped from share values in a day. The market's all-time high of 2,443.4 was achieved on July 16, 1987.

At £1.26 billion, the December current account deficit was at least £250 million lower than the average of market expectations. This compared with downwards-revised figures for the previous two months of £1.47 billion and £2.33 billion.

Imports of consumer goods slowed down, while export volume increased. Analysts concluded that, as expected, high interest rates were squeezing domestic demand, and that industry was turning its attention from home to foreign markets.

Exports totalled £7.12 billion and imports £8.77 billion with an estimated surplus on invisible trade of £400 million.

London appears to have taken its cue from Wall Street, which this week saw equity markets close at pre-crash levels for the first time, boosted by a stronger dollar and the resolve of President Bush's administration to fight the growing trade deficit. The Dow Jones industrial average continued its advance, and in early trade rose 44 points to 2,335.36.

The FT-SE 100 has now leapt 223 points this year, or almost 12 per cent. Some brokers were confidently forecasting last night that the market still had some way to run.

The number of shares traded also touched post-crash record levels, with Seaq, the Stock Exchange's computerized trading system, handling more than 1 billion alpha and beta shares during the day.

Dealers and fund managers greeted the trade figures enthusiastically. Phone lines throughout the City were jammed as investors scurried to jump on the bandwagon.

Trading became so frantic that, at one stage, a "fast market" developed on dealers' trading screens. This meant that prices were treated as indicative and that market-makers were not obliged to trade at the prices quoted by them on their screens.

The market-makers responded by marking prices sharply higher across the board in an effort to deter buyers and hang on to what little stock they had on their books. They have been haunted by stock shortages since the market first started its rally early in the new year.

One gloomy market-maker commented: "Most market-makers had been praying for a trade deficit of £8 billion in order to deter the buyers."

Mr Trevor Pullen, global securities adviser with the Prudential, one of the City's biggest financial institutions, said on Channel 4's *Business Daily*: "The UK equity market has only one way to go during 1989 – and that is up." He said the market was still discounting the risk of failure of the Government's economic policy and was, therefore, still cheap.

"The market's recent strong performance has followed an absence of bad economic news, the institutions now seeing the slowdown in the economy coming through and perhaps, the peaking of interest rates", he added.

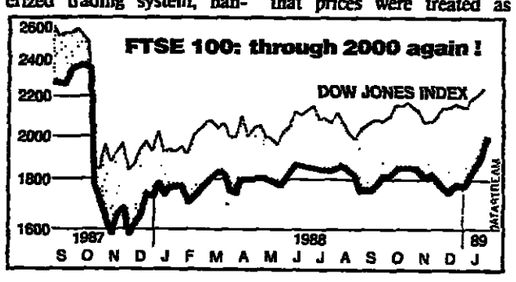
● Unit trust groups on the historic pricing system were forced to revalue their UK funds after the strong rise in the market (Vivien Goldsmith writes).

Under new rules in force since July, those unit trust dealing on an historic basis are forced to revalue if the relevant index moves by more than 2 per cent since the last valuation.

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"I know we fired you all – but that was last week."



Brittan urges UK to back 'one-stop' merger policy

From Michael Dynes, Brussels

Sir Leon Brittan, the European Community's commissioner in charge of competition policy, yesterday implicitly called on the British Government to abandon its long-standing opposition to increased EEC powers to vet all large-scale mergers.

In a speech likely to raise eyebrows at the Department of Trade and Industry, Sir Leon said the business community had clearly demonstrated its support for the idea of a "one-stop shop" for merger control.

"It really does not make sense for large mergers to be subject to scrutiny by, for example, both the Monopolies Commission and the European Commission," Sir Leon said during his first public statement on the controversial theme of new Community powers to regulate mergers.

"In order to pursue an effective competition policy the Commission must have the necessary tools. But sometimes the Commission can only act after the event. Attempting to unscramble the omelette is bound to be bad for business," he said in the Procter & and Gamble lecture at Newcastle University.

"It is not suprising therefore that business is increasingly asking for a simplification and clarification of the present position."

"What they would like is a system whereby, in the case of smaller mergers they would be subject to only national regulation ... while in the case of the really large mergers which have implications for the whole of the Community, the European Commission would have the power to intervene, and companies would not normally need to be concerned about the national regulatory authorities."

The proposed regulation would help reduce bureaucracy, simplify the regulations and "remove one whole tier of possible intervention."

Sir Leon said there was a broad consensus in favour of the merger proposal, and he asked member states "to respond to these legitimate demands and to accept the logic of the internal market endeavour by adopting the regulation."

The Commission is seeking powers to vet in advance all mergers where the combined turnover involved exceeds £690 million, except where the company being taken over has an annual turnover of less than £33 million or where 75 per cent of the merged companies are in a single member state.

Flower Express looks for fast growth



Flower Express, the franchise operation backed by Hill Samuel Investment Services, is looking for 80 franchisees this year and wants 230 within three years. Managing director Vance Raeburn, above, met potential franchisees in Bristol yesterday.

Maxwell plans to keep stake in GMH

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher who owns nearly 15 per cent of Guinness Mahon Holdings (GMH), is not planning to sell his stake in the merchant bank whose ownership is now up for sale. Lord Kissin is also expected to hold on to his 5 per cent shareholding.

Bankers believe this will make it difficult to dispose of the 61 per cent shareholding being sold by a syndicate of 28 banks. NM Rothschild, the merchant bank appointed to handle the sale, will have to find a buyer who is willing to purchase a large stake without gaining 100 per cent. The Takeover Panel will not oblige the buyer to make a full bid for GMH.

The stake is now owned by the syndicate of banks, led by Samuel Montagu, after the collapse of Equiticorp, the New Zealand group. The shares were held as security by the banks on a £100 million loan still outstanding to Equiticorp.

Despite the difficulties, Mr Geoffrey Bell, chairman of GMH, said that he hoped a buyer for the 61 per cent stake would be found within the next few weeks.

It is unlikely that Mr Maxwell will bid for GMH.

London Life again backs merger with Australian Mutual

By Maria Scott

After eight months of heated and often acrimonious debate, members of London Life, the insurance company, yesterday voted for a second time in favour of a plan to merge with Australian Mutual Provident.

London Life secured a majority of just more than 90 per cent, compared with 85 per cent in the vote taken last year. A total of 289,942 votes were cast in the second vote, 261,526 of which were in favour and 28,416 against.

The votes were cast by proxy and by a ballot held at the end of a four-hour extraordinary meeting at the Grosvenor House hotel, central London.

The second vote was conducted because the Court of Appeal overturned the first one on the petition of Mr Julian Byng, a London Life policy holder, over the conduct of the meeting held last October to consider the merger.

That meeting broke up in uproar after it became clear that the venue, the Barbican Centre, London, was too small to comfortably accommodate all those who attended. It was adjourned to the Café Royal, Piccadilly, where a ballot was taken.

Yesterday's meeting was orderly compared with the first, but the London Life board still faced fierce questioning from some members.

It emerged that the company is facing costs of £3 million in connection with its protracted attempt to merge with AMP.

Mr Oliver Dawson, president of London Life, revealed the figure after being questioned by Mr Stephen Walkley, a policyholder. Mr Walkley said London Life's merger plans were now "tarnished".

About 570 members attended the meeting.

A number of members continued to press for the reopening of negotiations with Equitable Life, the British insurance company. Equitable said recently that it would still be interested in merging with London Life if the AMP plan was called off.

London Life's plan to merge with AMP must now be considered by the High Court in a hearing due to be held on February 13.

Mr Richard Wales, general manager of AMP's British operations stressed that the company did not consider the court hearing a formality and that policyholders would be able to put their views to the court.

Date for new SE rule

The new Stock Exchange rule ending the obligation of firms that make markets in shares or depository receipts to deal with each other at their publicly-quoted prices will come into force on February 13.

The Exchange has yet to set a date when firms must report transactions within three minutes, instead of the present five minutes. The rule changes are subject to vetting by the Office of Fair Trading.

The changes should make market-making more profitable by reducing the ability of small market-makers to feed off those with larger capital.

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GrandMet in asset swap with Walker

By Cliff Feltham

Mr George Walker, the former boxer, is moving into betting shops for the first time as part of a multi-million pound asset swap with Grand Metropolitan.

Brent Walker will take over 119 licensed betting offices in London and the South-east and 26 tenanted pubs in East Anglia. It will also collect £19 million in cash from GrandMet. In return, it will hand over 52 larger managed pubs which GrandMet will convert into Chef & Brewer and Berni Inns.

Mr Allen Sheppard, chairman of Grand Metropolitan, had been keen to unload some of the 1,700 betting shops it acquired in its £330 million takeover of William Hill at the end of last year.

Mr Wilfred Aquilina, finance director of Brent Walker, said: "We have been looking at betting shops for sometime. We plan to modernize them and make them more comfortable and grow the business when suitable acquisitions come along."

The pubs Brent Walker is selling were acquired when it took over the Tolly Cobbold and Cameron breweries.

Grand Metropolitan is to close its Brick Lane brewery in Spitalfields, London, after more than 300 years. It employs 195 people.

ATTENTION ALL INVESTORS

MARKETS ARE ON THE MOVE!

Only 15 months after the crash of October 1987, the American market has recouped its losses. In the last few days, Japan has set a new all-time high. In the U.K., the market has already risen by more this year than in the previous two years combined. And many continental European markets are again near to their record highs.

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Lloyd's members may have to pay more than agreed £48m

Search for PCW losses again in vain

By Margareta Pagano

Some of the sharpest accountancy brains in the business have once again failed to establish the real extent of the losses incurred by the PCW syndicates, now handled by Lioncover.

This means that the Society of Lloyd's could eventually have to pay more than the £48 million contributed to the PCW settlement fund agreed in 1987.

At the time, Lloyd's estimated that the gross liabilities to December 1985 were £680 million, which would be met over the next 20 years. There are now fears that this figure could be considerably higher.

Most of the claims arise from insurance, US liability risks and asbestosis underwritten before 1982 by PCW's Mr Peter Cameron-Webb and Mr Peter Dixon. Both men are now in the United States despite Serious Fraud Office warrants for their arrest.

Doubts over the final outcome of PCW's liabilities arose following Ernst & Whinney's decision to qualify heavily the first annual accounts, for the year to December 31, 1987, of Lioncover, the company set up to handle PCW's affairs.

Ernst & Whinney and Lioncover are unable to quantify the reserves required against insurance claims the company may have to pay in 20 years.

Accountants are still at a loss to establish what part of PCW's losses was due to fraud or bad underwriting.

PCW names, however, will be protected from any further payments. The 1987 settlement, to which they contributed, relieved them of all further obligations towards the syndicates. Lloyd's said yesterday that although it accepted the prospect that the final claims could be higher, it hoped that the funds on deposit would produce enough to cover expected losses.

Ernst & Whinney said it was "unable to express an opinion" about whether the accounts complied with the Companies Act, because of "uncertainties which may materially affect the company's position."

It added that it cannot satisfy itself "as to the adequacy or otherwise" of Lioncover's claims reserve of £284.2 million. The main question mark is over the amounts owed to Lioncover by other insurers, and the reliability of recording of certain underwriting transactions prior to July 1987.

Oil chiefs set to talk on output

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

A meeting between Opec and non-member oil producing countries at full ministerial level is being planned to discuss how the two groups can co-operate in trimming world oil output to send the price up.

Opec's general secretary, Dr Subroto, the former Indonesian oil minister, said such a meeting is now inevitable following this week's London meeting.

No agreement was reached, and Dr Subroto said a ministerial meeting would be the next stage in deliberations.

The non-Opec producers – who include Mexico, Egypt, Angola, Malaysia, Oman, Yemen and Colombia – have previously offered to cut output by 5 per cent if Opec countries offered similar cuts, but this was rejected.

Norway, Russia and the states of Texas, Alaska and the Province of Alberta attended the talks as observers and are likely to attend a full ministerial meeting of Opec. Britain, however, has consistently refused to co-operate with the cartel.

Initial market reaction to the London talks ending with no more than a commitment to consider proposals sent prices in New York down 40 cents to $17.42 a barrel, while London Brent crude dropped to around $16.10, having been near $18 earlier in the week.

Bush concern about buyouts

From Bailey Morris
Washington

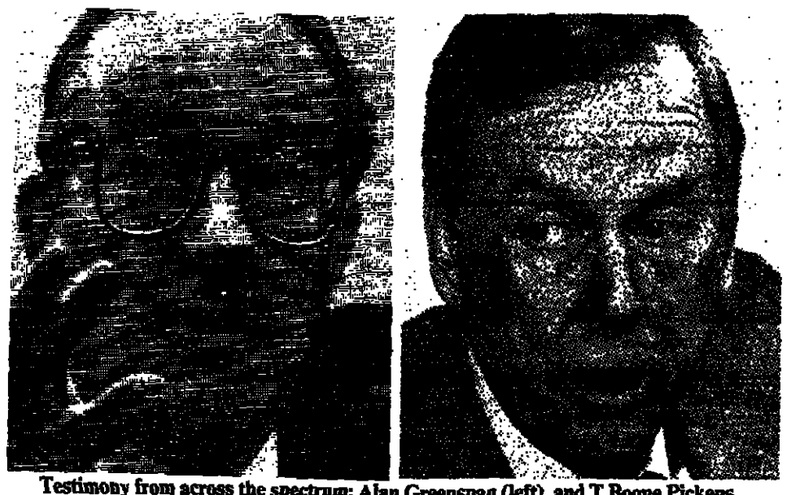
President George Bush has let it be known that he has a "gnawing feeling" that the wave of takeovers and leveraged buyouts which has swept across corporate America is not in the best, long term interest of the US economy.

But Mr Bush has also revealed, in remarks relayed this week by Mr Nicholas Brady, the Treasury Secretary, that he is uncertain how to cure the problem without creating an even worse upheaval in world financial markets.

The dilemma outlined by Mr Bush was echoed this week by Congressional leaders who revealed, after three days of high-level hearings, that they were uncertain how to proceed in drafting new legislation to curb takeovers.

There appeared to be a consensus, based on testimony from witnesses ranging from Mr Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board to Mr T Boone Pickens, who described himself as a reformed corporate raider, that something should be done. But no one was quite certain how to proceed.

The debate in the US has broad ramifications for markets in Europe where the concept of big, hostile takeovers is also becoming a fact of life. The recent, failed attempt by an international consortium to mount a hostile takeover of Britain's General Electric Company revealed that in Europe, as in the US, no large corporation can be considered invulnerable.



Testimony from across the spectrum: Alan Greenspan (left), and T Boone Pickens

Indeed, Europe's policies concerning takeovers, in light of the 1992 reforms, are only beginning to be articulated in the context of a truly international trading community.

The US example, to be set in the first year of the Bush Administration when both the US Treasury and an unprecedented number of congressional committees are scheduled to offer their own solutions, will be closely watched.

Is Europe ready for leveraged buyouts similar to the record $25 billion (£14.14 billion) purchase of RJR Nabisco by Kohlberg Kravis & Roberts? Will it embrace the export of US financing instruments of the sort employed by the high yield bond fund created by Drexel Burnham Lambert in hopes of creating a junk bond operation for Europe?

Does Europe regard the build-up of debt and the breaking up of many of its large corporations as a threat that outweighs the efficiencies and creation of shareholder wealth that can result from takeovers? Britain, which has set the pace of European activity with 295 management buyouts valued at $6.9 billion in 1988, is to be the test case.

This is one reason the debate under way in the US is so important to investors on both sides of the Atlantic.

Mr Greenspan, who gave the views of the US Central Bank in testimony this week, summed up views of many high-level officials when he stated that the Fed's main concern was the creation of massive debt associated with takeovers.

"Massive failure of these loans could have broader ramifications," Mr Greenspan warned, not only for the US economy but for the international banking community.

Mr Greenspan said, however, that he believed that the wave of debt-financed takeovers in the US had peaked and for that reason he recommended against a broad, legislative response.

Mr Brady, in expressing his own concerns and the President's gnawing fears, said that the Bush Administration was likely to focus its efforts on tax reforms and on other incentives to encourage US corporations to persue long term growth policies. It was in this context that he said that he favoured the removal of the double taxation of dividends which had put US corporations at a disadvantage and had encouraged the build-up of short-term debt.

There was strong support, expressed at the hearings conducted by the Senate Finance Committee, for large reductions in the US capital gains tax but there was also the recognition that this was unlikely to occur in this era of big budget deficits.

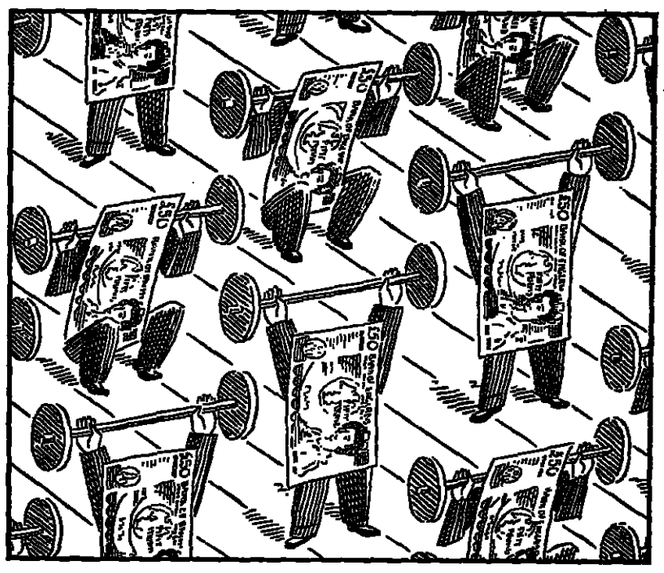
Senator Lloyd Bentsen, who predicted at the outset of the hearings that Congress would pass new restrictive legislation this year, closed out the week with a different response.

"I want a cure that is not worse than the disease and I have not found it yet," Mr Bentsen said. He said that both Congress and the Bush Administration were constrained, on one hand, by the size of the federal deficit and on the other, by "the nervousness of world financial markets."

There also appeared to be strong agreement with the views of Mr Pickens that the management of companies involved in LBOs has profited to an unreasonable degree. In the Nabisco buyout, Mr Pickens said that the "management clearly tried to steal the assets from the shareholders."

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Millward Brown leap on news of bid talk

Shares in Millward Brown, the Unlisted Securities Market-quoted market research agency, leapt 40p to 213p yesterday on news of a possible bid approach, valuing the group at just short of £15 million. Mr Mark Shepperd, agencies analyst at Phillips & Drew, the broker, immediately put forward two possible suitors – WPP, the fast-growing advertising agency, and MAI, the posters-to-money broking operation which last year lost out in its bid for AGB Research, a much larger market research group, to Mr Robert Maxwell.

A statement from Millward said yesterday that "preliminary discussions" were taking place "which may result in an offer." Mr Maurice Millward, the chairman, was unavailable for comment.

Interim loss for Molinare

Shares in Molinare Visions, the USM-quoted film and video production company where WH Smith has a 51 per cent stake, fell 3p to 31p following the news of a pre-tax loss of £65,000 in the six months to November 30. This compares with a profit of £320,000 in the 11 months to November 30, 1987. There is no interim dividend. The loss per share is 0.2p, down from earnings of 1.6p last time.

Profits fall at Software firm

Shares in Telecomputing, the Unlisted Securities Market supplier of software products for mainframe computers, fell 10p to 98p following a pre-tax loss of £194,000, against pre-tax profits of £886,000 for the year to end-September. This follows the announcement of a loss of £189,000 in the first half. The loss per share is 1.83p, down from earnings of 12.14p. There is no dividend, (1.5p last time).

KLP share earning fall

KLP Group, the sales promotion consultancy with direct mail interests, suffered a fall in earnings per share from 18.14p to 13.72p in the year to September 30, partly as a result of the postal strike. Pre-tax profits increased from £2.45 million to £2.57 million on turnover up almost double to £60.58 million. The final dividend is 4.4p, making a 6.5p total (5p).

The company also announced that it is to seek approval from shareholders to buy its own shares on the stock exchange. The effects of last year's rationalization will be reflected in the current year's results, it was claimed.

Investment trust ahead

Independent Investment Co., the investment trust, reports a leap in pre-tax profits from £375,000 to £994,000 in the six months to end-December. Income from shares and securities doubled to £1.47 million. Earnings per share jump from 0.20p to 0.73p. Net asset value stands at 69.45p per share, up from a pervious 51.76p. The shares were up from 56¾p to 58p.

Dunton rises to £504,000

Dunton, the engineering and property group, almost doubled pre-tax profits from £261,000 to £504,000 in the six months to end-November. The dividend was 0.48p (0.26p) and sales were £2.2 million (£1.4 million). The company has paid £2 million cash for two-thirds of an industrial estate at Barton, Bedfordshire, from a subsidiary of Holywell Property.

Statement to Panel

Noverco and Unigesco, the two Canadian investment companies which have built up a near 5 per cent holding in Ultramar, the independent oil company, have explained to the Takeover Panel that they are continuing to examine all the options available. They had been asked by the Panel to make a statement after a spate of reports that a bid for Ultramar was about to be made.

Ultramar has most of its refining and marketing assets in Canada. A 14 per cent stake in Ultramar is held by Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand businessman.

Post boost for TNT Mailfast

By Colin Narbrough

TNT Mailfast, the world's leading private postal service, is next month launching a range of international reply services that are expected to at least double its $3 million (£1.69 million) a week turnover in the next 12 months.

The subsidiary of TNT is focusing more on the direct selling and mail order markets, building on its success in providing services to banks, other financial institutions and universities.

Mr Peter Moorhouse, Mailfast's worldwide general manager, said the reply service will be the biggest growth market TNT Mailfast and the international direct marketing business has seen for some time.

The reply services will give companies the use of TNT's PO box addresses in 32 countries and enable users to use reply paid envelopes for which only local postage is required.

Aviva plans sell-off at Viking

By Our City Staff

Aviva Petroleum, the renamed Jackson Exploration yesterday sent out the offer document for the £22 million takeover of Viking Resources, the investment trust specializing in oil and gas shares.

If successful, the bid will effectively amount to a rights issue, since Aviva plans to sell the bulk of Viking's oil and gas share portfolio.

The news met a cool response at Viking, which is telling shareholders to take no action pending its formal reply.

Aviva, which picked up a 15.3 per cent stake in Viking from Mr Alan Bond and an option on a further 19.1 per cent from Sir Ron Brierley, had talks with Viking last week.

They have not been able to agree a price, and Aviva is going direct to shareholders with a 55p a share cash offer. Viking rose 2p to 57½p.

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Bank offers BS the chance to buy German steel trader

By Colin Narbrough

British Steel has been invited by West Germany's leading bank to buy the steel trading arm of the Klöckner group — an acquisition that would give BS the bridgehead it wants in Europe.

The unprecedented move by Deutsche Bank, a powerful steering force behind West German industry, especially steel, was immediately seen in the City as a golden opportunity for Sir Robert Scholey, the BS chairman, to put his company's mounting cash surplus to work in a significant strategic acquisition.

Acquiring the Duisburg company in its present form would give BS the West Germans' premier steel trader, and 18 per cent of Klöckner-Werke, one of the country's big steelmakers.

BS would need just 7 per cent more of Klöckner-Werke to reach a 25 per cent blocking minority that would allow it to veto board decisions it did not like.

West German industry officials made it clear yesterday that if BS bought the steel trader, which fell into Deutsche's hands last autumn after huge losses were revealed, it could present a serious threat to West German steel.

The massive aid injected into BS as it was prepared for flotation have already provoked the West Germans into a European Court action over the payment of £930 million of subsidies to BS. An acquisition is likely to trigger a political storm.

But Deutsche has its mind set firmly on 1992 and its goal of becoming a bank for all of Europe.

Deutsche pumped in the equivalent of £125 million to put Klöckner back on its feet, but the restructured firm is likely to command a price well above £300 million.

BS shares moved sharply higher on news of the Klöckner talks, which fulfilled market expectations that BS was about to take to the takeover trail. Klöckner-Werke shares rose DM16 to DM163.5 (£50).

Dr Herbert Gienow, Klöckner-Werke's chief executive, disclosed Deutsche's discussions with BS and other unnamed companies on Thursday.

A BS spokesman confirmed the approach, but would not go into detail. "We are considering our position," he said, noting that Sir Robert has made no secret of his desire to increase BS's tiny 2 per cent share of the European market.



Bridgehead opportunity: Sir Robert has the money to buy

Market-makers must approach new rules in the right spirit



KENNETH FLEET

The International Stock Exchange (ISE) is bordering on a critical condition. Much diminished by the Financial Services Act, which transferred its regulatory and investor protection powers to The Securities Association; flooded with new members who do not subscribe to the traditions of the old Throgmorton Street club; saddled with a redundant trading floor, the Exchange is the most serious casualty of Big Bang.

The ruling council, or more accurately the Exchange's 3,000-strong bureaucracy, has succeeded in alienating many of the practitioners who feel that ISE's fondness for rule-making interferes unnecessarily with the business of making a living. Members have begun to dig in their heels and the Exchange is having to give way at important points. The council itself, under Andrew Hugh Smith, is seen as a rather weak body. Even if that is a mistake, it is currently in a weak position. Like most member firms, the Exchange is caught in the vice of falling revenues and high costs. Income, which is partly geared to the level of business in the market, has fallen by 30 per cent while costs have risen by 20 per cent. In its own accounting, the Exchange is uncomfortably close to the abyss.

The real challenge is much more significant than balancing the Exchange's books. It is how to hold the securities market together within the ISE framework and not to let the central market fragment into a series of independent markets. The market is now seen and operates through screens in dealing rooms scattered about the City and it is vital that the screens display prices and other information necessary for fair and competitive trading. It is also vital that those who make markets in securities remain viable.

There are 30 market-makers in UK equities (and 22 in a shrinking gilt-edged market). Low turnover and narrowing margins since the crash of October 1987 have left them badly scarred. November and December were particularly bad months. Few, if any, are in the black and, by common consent, there are too many of them.

This week, as part of a review of post-Big Bang dealing systems, the Exchange confirmed changes in two important rules designed to improve the lot of the bigger market-makers, to the extent that if they succeed, they reduce the survival chances of the smaller dealers. But the process of reducing the excessive market-making capacity of the London market may take a long time, especially if the volume of business rises and the pain of operating in a bear market ceases.

The latest rule changes will add to the pressures. Market-makers will no longer be obliged to deal with each other — an obligation that hitherto has enabled smaller and fair-weather market-makers effortlessly to undo their positions — in effect to use the latter's capital to minimize their risks. Secondly, details of the big deals (more than £100,000) done by market-makers will not be published until the day after they are done. The competitive advantage of doing a major deal was usually lost when rival market-makers, quickly aware of price and size, moved their prices against the market-maker who had done the original transaction. In future, the big players will have time to use their muscle to more profitable effect.

The structural effect of these changes is to create a two-tier market, with information about what is happening in the upper more restricted or delayed. The "transparency" of the market through the screens of the Exchange's automated quotations system (Seaq) and the Topic information service is reduced. "Create" is not the right word since there has been a two-tier market since Big Bang: the market the investor sees and the huge internal market operated by the Inter-Dealer Brokers for the market-makers and visible only to them.

Moreover, last summer BZW and Phillips & Drew, two leading market-makers, have operated their own two-tier market. They reduced to very small amounts the size of transaction they offer to do through Seaq but will deal in size with selected investors approaching them direct. It is important for the Exchange that both BZW and P&D, who have driven home the point about using their capital for their own clients and not for parasitical market-makers, respond to the latest rule changes by coming back on screen with prices for decent amounts of stock.

There is an argument against altering the system in order to help (some) firms to make more money: it is wrong in principle and unlikely to work in practice. There is an interesting case for making dealing in securities less rigid by not quoting prices; only amounts of stock in which market-makers are prepared to deal, on the Seaq screens. There is an overwhelming case for compelling market-makers to deal openly through the Seaq screens in realistic amounts of stock.

If market-makers are quoting in only nominal sizes they are taking out of the system and putting nothing into it. All market-makers enjoy special privileges, notably stamp duty concessions and the facility of borrowing stock. In return, they should add to the liquidity of the market by offering to deal in realistic sizes.

This is the short answer to those American houses who claim to see in this week's changes in the dealing rules an attempt to go back to the cosy London jobbers' club that flourished before Big Bang. There would be a transparent, openly competitive market in UK equities if all market-makers obeyed the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.

The ace Lawson may be holding

The December trade figures needed to be horrendous to dispel the market's buoyant mood. To have been merely bad would have provoked the response "We've seen it all before" and a shrug of the collective shoulders. Any deficit that could be construed as "good" would strengthen the feeling that the market had turned decisively, believers in the second leg of the bear market had lost their standing and Nigel Lawson ere long would have bank base rates down to 12 per cent. In the event, the figures were better than the best expectations.

The progress of the FT-SE 100 index through 1,950, on the back of levels of business not seen since before the October 1987 crash, mirrors a marked improvement in sentiment that only appalling trade figures could have cracked. Rumours early in the week of arguments between the Prime Minister and the Chancellor over the content of the Budget were ignored.

The market decided that it and the country can live under a regime of high interest and high sterling exchange rates. The market in this context, it is true, is the professionals within it and the institutions without it who have wavered in the same direction, but not the private investor. But they have been joined by foreign investors who are attracted not only by relatively cheap stock and relatively high yields (British Steel is a prime example) in a market that throughout last year underperformed against most other markets.

The most intriguing indicator is the fact that short-term interest rates in London (and, interestingly, also in New York) are higher than long-term interest rates (an "inverse yield curve" in the jargon of the trade). This records a judgement that, except in the short-term, inflation is unlikely to be a problem — in both countries. Neither in West Germany nor in Japan do the locals take the same sanguine view.

For the good of the market, the City has to accept the Chancellor's argument that the current balance of payments deficit can be comfortably financed until it finally yields to treatment. Certainly, high interest rates bring in foreign capital.

The ace in the Lawson pack may be — I emphasize "may" because the experts differ in their forecasts — the price of oil. Thursday's Opec meeting in London was inconclusive, but that in itself does not mean that the price is about to slump after its recent climb.

With the Foreign Office making common cause with some of the big Middle Eastern producers and an adopted Texan in the White House, the political will to see a higher oil price is not hard to understand. In our situation, it would help the balance of payments and, by propping up the pound, allow some easing of the monetary policy. A price of $17 in real terms is cheap.

New index for HK shares

Hong Kong shares will be represented by a new index from next month — the All Ordinaries Index.

It will consist of all the ordinary shares listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, excluding foreign shares and any which have been suspended for more than one year.

The new index will supplement the existing Hang Seng Index and the Hong Kong Index.

The index figure will be calculated by dividing the total market value of all the exchange's ordinary shares at current market prices by the total market value of all ordinary shares at the base date — April 2, 1986, the day when trading started on the unified Stock Exchange — and multiplying by 1,000.

Crown soars

Crown Communications Group, owner of the London Broadcasting Company (LBC), announced pre-tax profits almost trebled from £906,000 to £3.12 million, on turnover of £8.63 million (£7.38 million) in the year to end-September. Earnings per share rose 2.3p to 12.1p. The final dividend is 3p. There was no dividend in the previous year.

Cauldon ahead

Cauldon Group made profits of £271,000 before tax in the year to end-September. Because of a change in the year-end, comparable figures are for the three months to end-September 1987, when the company made a £100,000 loss. There is no dividend.

Baldwin rise

Baldwin, the leisure, printing and property group, saw pre-tax profits rise from £1 million to £2.15 million in the six months to October 10. The dividend is up 1.15p (1p), while earnings per share are 12.5p (8.8p).

£4m buyout

KAW Engineering, the Wolverhampton specialist engineer, and KA MacLaine, its Glasgow sister company, are being bought out by their management in a £4 million deal arranged by County NatWest.

Marwan stake

Dr Ashraf Marwan, the Egyptian financier, and funds under his management yesterday emerged as a 10 per cent shareholder in Bear Brand, the tights manufacturer.

Davies seeks backers in a bid for Wimpey

By John Bell, City Editor

Mr David Davies, former chief executive of Hill Samuel, the merchant bank, is sounding out potential backers of a consortium bid for George Wimpey, the housebuilding and property group, according to City sources.

Mr Davies, who has long experience in the property world — at MEPC and Hongkong Land — has been seeking fresh opportunities since he left Hill Samuel after its acquisition by the TSB.

Mr Mike Dowdy, Wimpey's finance director, said he had no knowledge of a consortium bid and would make no comment.

The key to any change in control of Wimpey is the 35 per cent share stake held by Grove Charity Management, which has in the past steadfastly backed Wimpey's board.

Grove agreed to support Sir Clifford Chetwood, Wimpey's chairman, for the duration of a five-year development plan for the company. He joined the company a little over four years ago and is believed to have the continued backing of Grove's directors.

The attraction of Wimpey to a bidder lies in its asset backing of more than 400p per share, compared with the current share price of 285p. But given that 85 per cent of Wimpey's profits arise from housebuilding, which is currently facing slack demand, Mr Davies is likely to have trouble finding backers for a bid.

Misys profits soar to interim £1.8m

By Martin Waller

Misys, the USM-quoted computer software house, more than doubled pre-tax profits to £1.82 million from £885,000 in the six months to end-November. This was without any benefit from Zygal Dynamics, acquired at the end of the half-year.

Mr Kevin Lomax, chairman, said about half the profits advance came from existing businesses and about half from acquisitions, including the BOS Group and CPP.

Earnings per share are ahead 57 per cent to 9.1p, most of the improvement coming from organic growth. The dividend is increased by 50 per cent to 1.8p.

The shares advanced 10p to 354p. Mr Nick Bensted-Smith, an electronics analyst at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, is forecasting £6.5 million pre-tax for the full year.

The only constraint to organic growth was the shortage of staff qualified in the software field, Mr Lomax said. The group had targeted certain sectors for purchases, including a Unix dealership and small systems houses providing software for industries not yet covered by Misys.

The company plans to seek a full listing once the market capitalization reaches £100 million. This was likely to coincide with a move into the US in 18 months to two years' time, Mr Lomax said.



Kevin Lomax: looking to buy

Lex in £21m acquisition

Lex Service, the motor distribution group, is expanding its truck leasing operations through the £21 million agreed cash acquisition of Chart Services, one of Britain's largest commercial vehicle contract hire businesses.

The deal is valued at a prospective exit multiple of about 15, compared with the historical sector average of between 10 and 11. For the year ended March 31, Chart made pre-tax profits of £1.6 million on turnover of £23.1 million. After the deal Chart will operate independently for at least a year.

New TSB division

The TSB Group is setting up TSB Bank, a new division, which will include the group's four regional banks and Hill Samuel, its merchant bank.

The regional banks — TSB England & Wales, TSB Scotland, TSB Northern Ireland and TSB Channel Islands — will concentrate on personal banking while their corporate banking business will gradually be transferred to Hill Samuel. The new TSB Bank will also include the group's credit card operations and the banking business of UDT, its finance house.

Perstorp up to SKr310m

Perstorp, the Swedish components to plastic systems business, reported quarterly earnings of SKr310 million (£28 million) compared with SKr237 million last time. Sales in the period to December 31 were SKr2 billion.

Perstorp said the strongest sales increases came from components, surface materials and plastic systems.

Saville may have sold Mid Kent Water stake

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Mr Duncan Saville, the financier based in the Cook Islands, is understood to have sold his holding in Mid Kent Water, the £80 million statutory water company that has escaped the most recent water bid maelstrom in the South-east.

Three nominee holdings, amounting to 27 per cent of Mid Kent's 3.5 per cent ordinary stock, have been sold and are believed to represent Mr Saville's holdings. But after recent share issues by Mid Kent, this stock represents less than 2 per cent of total votes.

Mid Kent's biggest holders are Morgan Grenfell, with 26 per cent of the votes, and Générale des Eaux with 15 per cent. The rules over water industry takeovers give a strong chance that such a large statutory water company will retain its independence.

Logo will change too after protests over racial stereotypes

Colgate to drop 'offensive' brand name

After more than three years of pressure from shareholders, religious groups and blacks, Colgate-Palmolive has said it will rename Darkie, the toothpaste it sells in Asia, and redesign its logo, a minstrel in blackface. The company had been increasingly criticized for promoting racial stereotypes through its marketing of the toothpaste, which is a best-selling brand in several Asian countries, after it bought half-ownership of the Hong Kong company that makes it in 1985.

"It's just plain wrong," Mr Rueben Mark, chairman of Colgate-Palmolive, said about the toothpaste's name and logo. "It's just offensive. The morally right thing dictated that we must change. What we have to do is find a way to change that is least damaging to the economic interests of our partners."

The company said it will change the name of the toothpaste to Darlie and the logo to a portrait of a man of ambiguous race in silk top hat, dinner jacket and bow tie. To lessen confusion and avoid lost sales, the company will put the name Darlie on all packages and advertising in stages over the next year. The new portrait will replace the minstrel face the following year. The company, which conducted extensive consumer research, said it believed the new name and logo were "racially inoffensive."

Under the agreement it reached with Hawley & Hazel, the manufacturer that started the toothpaste in the 1920s, Colgate-Palmolive will pay for all redesign and repackaging costs and for the added advertising costs of launching the product with its new name and logo. It will also reimburse Hawley & Hazel for any loss in profits caused by customer confusion over the change. Mr Mark said Colgate-Palmolive had been negotiating with Hawley & Hazel to change the name and logo since "the day after" Colgate bought its stake.

Darkie toothpaste accounts for nearly all Hawley & Hazel's business, which in turn amounts to 3 per cent or less of Colgate's worldwide sales. In Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand the toothpaste has a market share ranging from 20 to 70 per cent. It is not sold in the US.

Religious groups and others who criticized Colgate over the name have applauded its action. "The change deals with the racist caricature that was formerly on Darkie, and it's an acceptable change," said Mr Timothy Smith, of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. Congressman John Conyers, a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, said: "It sounds like we're moving in the right direction. We'll be consulting with others who've been trying to change this incredible piece of merchandise." (New York Times)

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NEW YORK

Early buying rush lifts Dow by 17

(Reuter) — Blue chips extended an opening surge in early trading, buoyed by strength in the bond market and a rush of buying. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped by 17 points to 2,308.07.

Shares and bonds responded well to a report that the fourth quarter's Gross National Product rose by 2 per cent — below estimates of 2.4 per cent. The fixed-weight deflator, an inflation gauge, was also below expectations, rising by 4 per cent.

● **Tokyo** — The Nikkei index rose 134.32 points, or 0.43 per cent, to a record close of 31,646.13.

● **Hong Kong** — The Hong Kong index finished at 1,948.10, up 30.19 points, while the Hang Seng index closed at 2,956.95, up 46.38.

● **Singapore** — The *Straits Times'* industrial index rose 6.77 points to 1,115.48.

● **Frankfurt** — The 30-share DAX index closed 13.88 points, or 1 per cent, higher at 1,343.58.

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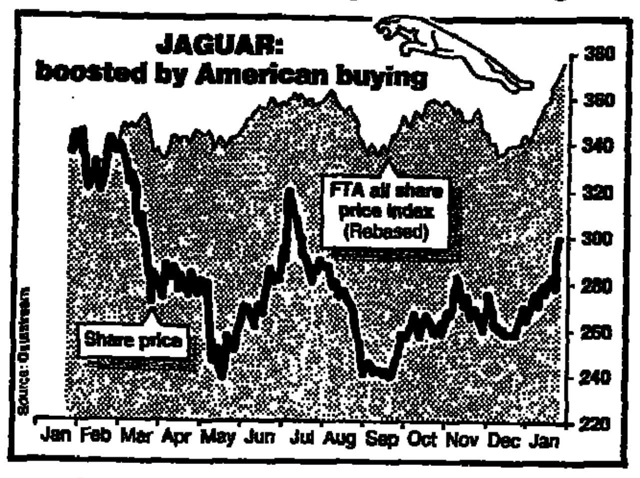
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Alcoa	61¾	61¾
Amax Inc	26¾	26
AMR Hess	33¾	33
Am Brands	62¾	62¾
Am Cynmd	50¾	50¾
Am Ele Pwr	27¾	27¾
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Am Family	14	14
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Am Int Grp	73	72¾
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Bristl Meyr	45¾	44¾
BP	57¾	56¾
Brunswick	18¾	18¾
Burl Nth	23¾	23
CBS	174	173¾
CMS Engy	24¾	24¾
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Camp Soup	31¾	32¾
Can Pacific	19¾	19¾
Caterpillar	60	59¾
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Chase Man	31¾	31¾
Chem Bank	32¾	31¾
Chevron	49¾	48
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Consol Ng	39¾	39¾
Cont Data	20¾	20¾
Corning Gl	71¾	71¾
Crane	24¾	24¾
Dana Cp	38¾	54¾
Data Genl	17¾	17¾
Deere Co	45¾	45¾
Delta Air	54	53¾
Detroit Ed	18	18
Digital Eq	114¾	111¾
Disney	72¾	72
Dow Chem	94¾	92¾
Dresser Ind	30¾	30¾
Dupont	100¾	98¾
Duke Pwr	46¾	46¾
East Kodak	47¾	47¾
Eaton Cp	58¾	57¾
Emerson El	31¾	30¾
Emery Air	5¾	5¾
Exxon	45¾	45
Farah Inc	8¾	8¾

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Fedders	13	13
Fst Chicago	32¾	32¾
Fst Int Bncp	46	45¾
Fst Penn C	13	13¾
FT Wachva	38¾	38¾
Ford Motor	51¾	51¾
GAF Cp	50¾	50¾
GTE Cp	46¾	45¾
Gen Cp	16¾	16¾
Gn Dynam	49¾	50¾
Gen Electric	46¾	45¾
Gen Inst	28	27¾
Gen Mills	54	53¾
Gen Motors	89¾	89¾
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Georgia Pac	39¾	38¾
Gillette	33¾	33¾
Goodrich	54	53¾
Goodyear	48¾	49¾
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Grt Atl Pac	50¾	50¾
Greyhnd	30¾	30
Grumen	19¾	20
Gulf Westn	40¾	40¾
Heinz	47¾	47¾
Hercules	48¾	48¾
Hewlett Pk	57¾	55¾
Hilton	52¾	52¾
Honeywell	60¾	59¾
IC Ind	n.a	n.a
ITT Cp	54¾	54¾
INCO	29¾	29
Ing Rand Wl	37	38¾
Inland Steel	47¾	45¾
IBM	125¾	123¾
Int Paper	49¾	49¾
Irving Bk	n.a	n.a
Jhsn & Jhsn	87¾	86¾
K Mart	36¾	35¾
Kerr McGee	38¾	39
Kimbrly Clrk	62	62
Knght Ridr	46¾	46¾
Kraft	n.a	n.a
Kroger	9¾	9¾
LTV Cp	2¾	2¾
Litton	75	75¾
Lockheed	43¾	43¾
Lone Star	30¾	30
Man H'nver	30	29¾
Manville	8	7¾
Mapco	57¾	58¾
Marriott	32¾	32¾
Mt Marrieta	42¾	41¾
Masco Cp	25¾	25¾
Mcdonalds	50	49
McDonnell	84¾	84
Mead Cp	40¾	40¾
Merck	63¾	62¾
Minsta Mng	66¾	65¾
Mobil	47¾	47¾
Monsanto	88¾	88¾
Montedison	15¾	15¾
Morgan Jp	35¾	35¾
Motorola	44¾	43¾
NCR	57¾	56¾
NL Indstrs	21¾	19¾
Nat Med Ent	26¾	25¾
Nat Semi	9	8¾
Norfolk Sth	33	32¾
NW Bancrp	35¾	35¾
Occid Pet	27¾	27¾
Ogden Cp	31	31¾
Olin Cp	61¾	51¾
PPG Ind	43¾	42¾
Pac Enterp	38¾	38¾
Pac Gas El	18¾	18¾
Pan Am	2¾	2¾
Penney JC	53	52¾

	Jan 26	Jan 25
Pennzoil	78¾	78¾
Pepsico	38¾	38¾
Pfizer	57¾	58¾
Phelps Dod	59¾	60
Philip Mor	106¾	103¾
Philip Ptrl	21¾	21¾
Polaroid	38¾	39¾
Primerica	22¾	22¾
Proct Gble	88¾	88
Pub SE Gr	24¾	24¾
R Nabisco	95¾	95
Raytheon	70	69¾
Rynlds Metl	58¾	58¾
Rockwell Int	21¾	21¾
Royal Dutch	59¾	59¾
Scecorp	33¾	33¾
SFE Sopac	19¾	19¾
Sara Lee	47¾	47¾
Schlumb	35¾	34¾
Scott Paper	41¾	41¾
Seagram	70¾	70¾
Sears Roeb	41¾	41¾
Sec Pac	36¾	36¾
Shell Trans	38¾	38¾
Smith Beck	52¾	52
Sony Cp	56¾	56¾
SW Bell	43¾	43
Squibb	66¾	66¾
Sun Comp	34¾	34¾
TDK	69	n.a
TRW Inc	44	44
Teledyne	344	343¾
Tenneco	50¾	49¾
Texaco	54¾	54¾
Tex Eastn	48¾	48¾
Texas Inst	44¾	42¾
Tex Util	29¾	29¾
Textron	24¾	24¾
Travelers	35¾	35¾
UAL Cp	116	112¾
USG Cp	5¾	6
USX Cp	30¾	31
Unilever Plc	36¾	36¾
Un Carbide	27¾	27¾
Un Pac Cp	68	68¾
Unisys Cp	28¾	29
Unit Brand	16¾	16¾
Us West	60¾	59¾
Utd Tech	44¾	44¾
Unocal	41	40¾
Warn Lamb	78¾	78¾
Wells Far	64¾	63¾
Westg El	55	54¾
Weyershr	26¾	26¾
Whirlpool	26¾	26¾
Woolworth	52¾	52¾
Xerox Cp	61¾	60¾
Zenith	19¾	19¾
CANADIAN PRICES		
Agnco Eag	12¾	12¾
Alcan Alum	40¾	40¾
Can Pacific	23¾	23¾
Cominco	26¾	26¾
Con Bathrst	24¾	16¾
Hawk S Can	24¾	24¾
Hud Bay M	25	24¾
Imasco	31¾	31¾
Imperial Oil	50¾	49¾
Inco	34¾	34¾
Royl Trstco	17¾	16¾
Seagram	84¾	83¾
Shell Can	48	47¾
Stelco	24¾	24¾
Thmsn N 'A'	27¾	27¾
Varity Cp	3.75	3.70
WCE	17	16¾
Weston	38¾	38¾

STOCK MARKET

Hoare Govett's initial loss on TW placing may be £2m



Despite this week's strong gains on the equity market, Hoare Govett, the broker, was still counting the cost of its abortive attempt to place P&O's 10 per cent stake in Taylor Woodrow.

It now looks as though Hoare may have already made an initial loss of almost £2 million from its ill-fated mission this week. A line of 7.3 million shares went through the market early yesterday at 578p each — 22p below the price Hoare decided to take the stock on board. Dealers claim that Hoare may have decided to switch the stock to a different account before attempting to find a permanent home for it.

Hoare approached P&O on Wednesday with the idea of placing the 15.8 million shares. A price of 605p was agreed compared with the ruling market price of 648p. But rival market-makers got wind of the deal and marked the Taylor Woodrow share price sharply lower. Hoare was forced to abandon the mission and take at least half of the stake on its own books. The remainder was bought by Hambros, P&O's merchant bank.

P&O closed 6p higher at 615p while Taylor Woodrow recovered a fall to close 15p better at 593p.

Share prices sailed through the 2,000 level for the first time since Black Monday without hesitation when the news of the narrowing of Britain's current account deficit to £1.2 billion in December prompted a fresh flood of institutional cash into the market.

Fast-market conditions prevailed for 15 minutes or so immediately after the figures as pent-up institutional cash poured in. Hard-pressed market-makers had their short positions squeezed even further and sizeable gains in virtually every sector were achieved as a result.

Seaq turnover raced past the £800 million mark as buoyant brokers forecast that the market would continue to rise — possibly to 2,200 — now that the reduced deficit had virtually ruled out the possibility of any further increase in interest rates. In fact, some were suggesting that the Chancellor could even reduce them before his Budget on March 14.

A strong opening gain on Wall Street put the icing on the cake and the FT-SE 100-share index stood 53 points up at 2,012.8 by 3.45 pm, having been more than 57 points higher at its best. The narrower FT 30-share index was 41.7 points up at 1,643.0.

Hogg Robinson plummeted 19p to 145p as Phillips & Drew, the broker, slashed its pre-tax profits forecast for the current year from £13.5 million to £9.6 million. High mortgage rates have hit the company hard. Its property services business is likely to makes losses in the second half and conditions on the retail travel side have deteriorated.

Gilts reflected the optimistic outlook for interest rates and showed gains of up to £⅝ at the longer end.

Woolworth continued to lose ground in the wake of Wednesday's downgrading by Hoare Govett, which has trimmed its forecast for next year by £5 million to £190 million. But the broker is sticking to its original estimate of £170 million for the current year, which ends next week.

Apparently, Hoare has been urging its clients to reduce their holdings because the shares may be starting to run out of steam. There is also talk that Woolies may decide to bid for Magnet, the DIY specialist, following this week's news of the proposed management buyout.

Storehouse, Sir Terence Conran's BHS, Habitat-Mothercare, Heal's and Richards retailing combine, rose 3½p to 191p as more than 5 million shares changed hands.

The market should hear soon that Mr Asher Edelman, the US corporate raider, has increased his stake in the company from 5.2 per cent to above 6 per cent. Sir Terence has so far rejected two offers by Mr Edelman to meet him and discuss his shareholding.

Shares in the rest of the stores sector suffered some falls although they did manage to regain their poise later in the day. Dealers said sentiment had been hit by a bearish retail presentation hosted by Goldman Sachs, the securities house, on Thursday night, attended by 30 institutional clients and 35 retailers. Mr Gavin Davies, Goldman Sachs' chief economist, made a 10-minute address in which he gave a warning that, whatever the Chancellor does in the Budget, the outlook for consumer spending remains poor.

Falls were seen in **Dixons**, down 1p at 151p, but **Burton** rallied to finish 6p higher at 204, Boots was up 2p to 245p while Next continued to draw strength from this week's presentation for its *Gardening Directory*. The price rose 5p to 149p.

Reuters, the international news agency and financial information group, continued to nudge towards its peak of 622p with a 3p rise to 615p. American investors have been big buyers of the shares in New York, picking them up in their ADR form which has left Wall Street brokers short of stock. As a result, they have been forced to turn to London for stock and so cover their positions.

American buyers have also been chasing other British companies higher.

Jaguar sported a rise of 12p to 302p — making a two-day gain of 24p. The group's prospects have taken a knock, partly because of the falling dollar. Pre-tax profits last year fell from £120.8 million to £97 million with analysts forecasting even worse to come. They have already pencilled in £45 million for this year followed by £30 million for next. Brokers such as Barclays de Zoete Wedd say that the interim results were poor and that medium-term prospects are no better. It claims that the shares are overvalued.

However, some American investors think the shares have been oversold and appear happy with the price at these levels.

US support has also been good news for **BAT Industries** this week. The price firmed another 1p to 520p. Salomon Brothers, the New York securities house, is believed to have been a big buyer of the shares this week.

Hectic trading in the British Steel partly-paid shares, which closed 6½p higher at 77p following a turnover of more than 81 million shares, fuelled intense speculation that its programme of acquisitions is about to start.

The talk in the market is that BS, which is known to be considering an expansion into steel stockholding both in the US and in Europe, is on the verge of announcing the purchase of Klöckner, the West German steel producer which is owned by the Deutsche Bank.

Strong American and Japanese buying of the shares since the New Year has helped them to leave the 60p price of early December well behind.

Control Securities, Mr Nazmu Varani's property and leisure group, which has drastically underperformed the market since its £18 million acquisition of Belhaven Brewery last December, improved ½p to 47¼p.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon (*475)	420	66	77	-	1½	6	-
	460	34	47	61	9	17	22
	500	14	26	39	30	35	43
Brit Air (*191)	160	36	40	44	2	4	5
	180	21	24	30	5	9	12
	200	10	13	17	15	20	24
Brit Com (*241)	200	48	51	-	3	4	-
	220	30	35	43	5	8	10
	240	15	25	30	10	17	18
Brit Steel (*76)	60	19	20	20½	½	1½	2½
	70	10½	12	12½	1¼	3½	4½
	80	4½	6½	6½	5½	9½	9½
BP (*273)	240	35	37	39	2½	4	5
	260	16	24	26	8½	10	11
	280	6	14	17	19	21	23
Bass (*895)	800	125	152	-	5	10	-
	850	82	110	142	13	22	27
	900	52	77	107	25	32	45
C & W (*420)	360	70	82	-	2	6	-
	390	45	57	66	7	12	15
	420	22	38	48	17	23	25
Cons Gold (*1295)	1250	120	165	185	55	75	90
	1300	87	136	160	75	100	110
	1350	70	110	130	105	125	140
Courtauld (*303)	260	51	55	-	3	7	-
	280	35	42	49	5	13	15
	300	23	30	36	11	21	26
Com Union (*354)	330	72	72	-	2	4	-
	360	42	49	54	6	9	13
	390	18	32	36	18	22	28
GKN (*348)	300	55	62	66	3	6	8
	330	30	40	47	11	15	20
	360	12	24	32	28	33	38
Grand Met (*500)	420	87	102	-	1	3½	-
	454	53	-	-	4	-	-
	493	24	-	-	15	-	-
ICI (*1138)	1000	153	167	-	3	8	-
	1050	105	130	-	12	17	-
	1100	62	97	113	27	33	58
	1150	32	67	85	55	54	62
Jaguar (*307)	240	71	75	-	2	5	-
	260	51	56	67	4	8	11
	280	33	43	52	9	13	18
Land Sec (*600)	500	120	130	-	3	5	-
	550	75	85	105	6	11	15
	600	35	53	70	18	25	33
M & S (*174)	140	39	40	-	1	3	-
	160	19	23	28	3½	6	8
	180	7½	12	18	12	15	17
STC (*313)	260	56	61	-	4	6	-
	280	44	52	54	6½	10	14
	300	24	33	40	12	19	21
Sainsbury (*230)	200	34	40	44	2	4	6
	220	18	26	32	7	11	12
	240	8	16	21	17	21	23
Shell (*367)	350	24	35	-	7	9	-
	367	12	-	-	17	-	-
	390	4	14	18	35	35	35
Storehse (*191)	180	22	31	39	8	16	18
	200	13	22	27	18	25	26
	220	7½	14	-	34	40	-
Trafalgar (*331)	280	63	70	-	2	4	-
	300	44	53	57	3	8	9
	330	21	30	38	10	17	20
Utd Bisc (*317)	280	45	53	63	4	9	14
	300	35	39	47	10	16	22
	330	17	27	33	25	30	34
Ultramar (*308)	275	43	-	-	8	-	-
	294	30	-	-	15	-	-
	330	15	28	31	38	43	47
Woolworth (*279)	260	33	35	42	7	12	15
	280	18	23	32	14	18	23
	300	8	13	18	26	30	32
	Series	Jan	Apr	Aug	Jan	Apr	Aug
GEC (*221)	180	44	51	-	2	3	-
	200	27	37	41	5	8	10
	220	14	25	31	11	16	18
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jun	Jan	Apr	Jun
R-Royce (*160)	120	45½	48	-	½	1½	-
	130	35½	36	-	1	2½	-
	140	26½	27½	32	2	4	7
TSB (*122)	100	21	-	-	1	-	-
	110	11	15	-	2½	4	-
	120	5	7½	9½	6	7½	7½
	Series	Feb	Apr	Jul	Feb	Apr	Jul
Ladbroke (*492)	420	77	87	96	1	1½	5
	460	39	51	62	3	6	12
	500	13	24	36	17	21	26
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Brit Aero (*509)	420	98	105	115	1	4	8
	460	59	68	85	2½	10	17
	500	28	37	60	11	23	30
BAA (*297)	260	43	50	55	1	2	6½
	280	24	35	38	3	6	11
	300	8	20	-	11	14	-
BAT Ind (*536)	420	115	122	128	1	1½	4
	460	75	82	92	1	5	9
	500	38	47	60	6	16	22
Brit Tele (*261)	240	48	54	60	1	1	2
	260	27	37	40	1½	3	6
	280	10	19	25	6	9	11
Cadbury (*369)	330	46	56	63	1½	8	11
	360	19	33	47	7	15	20
	390	7	21	32	25	30	35
Guinness (*375)	330	50	56	66	2	4	7
	360	22	30	42	4	12	14
	390	6	13	24	22	26	30
LASMO (*492)	420	68	85	102	3	12	20
	460	35	58	78	11	27	35
	500	13	37	55	30	47	55

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
P & O (*616)	500	125	135	140	1½	3	5
	550	75	57	95	2	8	11
	600	32	45	57	10	20	25
Pilkington (*237)	200	40	48	50	2	3	5
	220	21	30	34	3	7	9
	240	7	17	19	10	13	18
Plessey (*247)	200	48	57	60	1	4	5
	220	29	39	42	2	7	9
	240	13	23	28	5	12	14
Prudential (*175)	140	36	38	39	1	1½	2½
	160	15½	20	21	2	5	6
	180	3	6	12	9	13	14
Racal (*323)	280	44	54	60	1½	5	11
	300	26	40	44	6	11	17
	330	8	21	24	17	28	34
	360	2	11	-	44	47	-
RTZ (*492)	420	75	83	93	1½	4	9
	460	34	55	67	4	12	19
	500	10	27	40	20	82	37
Vaal Reefs (*75)	60	18	18	20	1	3	4
	70	7	10	13	3½	7½	9
	80	1½	5	7	10	13	15
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Amstrad (*184)	140	48	58	59	1	3	4½
	160	30	39	43	2½	5½	8½
	180	16	25	33	8	13	15
Barclays (*466)	390	85	83	92	2	3	5
	420	50	55	65	4	7	12
	460	19	25	35	20	22	25
Blue Circ (*482)	420	74	76	88	2	6	11
	460	36	46	63	7	20	24
	500	15	26	36	28	38	44
Dixons (*160)	130	35	42	46	1	4½	6½
	140	27	34	39	2½	5	9
	160	13	20	24	12	14	17
Glaxo (*1174)	1050	147	-	-	5	-	-
	1100	105	143	183	12	30	38
	1150	72	110	148	30	45	57
	1200	40	77	-	50	65	-
Hawker (*625)	500	142	150	158	1	4	7
	550	95	105	120	2½	10	14
	600	52	58	83	13	23	30
Hillsdown (*264)	220	49	52	54	1	2	3
	240	33	35	39	3	5	8
	260	16	22	26	8	11	13
Lonrho (*360)	330	30	49	60	11	17	27
	360	14	28	43	27	34	42
	390	6	21	32	48	54	64
Midland (*460)	390	75	77	85	3	5	7
	420	45	52	58	6	9	14
	460	14½	23	31	22	23	30
Sears (*124)	110	18	22	23½	2	5	7
	120	10	15	17½	5	8½	10½
	130	5	10	-	10½	14	-
THF (*274)	240	36	44	54	2	5½	7
	250	18½	31	38	7½	11	15
	280	9½	18½	28	17	20	24
Thorn EMI (*707)	600	127	144	149	1½	4	8
	650	78	93	97	4	10	17
	700	37	58	64	15	22	30
Wellcome (*487)	390	86	98	113	1½	3½	6
	420	58	73	88	3½	9	12
	460	28	44	60	15	22	27
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Boots (*250)	220	37	42	47	3	5	8
	240	20	28	34	8	12	14
	260	8	17	24	17	22	24
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Brit Gas (*175)	140	39	44	-	½	½	-
	160	20	25	27	1	2½	4
	180	4½	10½	12½	8	9	12
	200	1½	3	4½	26	26	26½
	Series	Mar	Jul	Oct	Mar	Jul	Oct
Beecham (*534)	420	125	139	150	1	2½	4
	460	86	102	116	1½	7	9
	500	50	70	86	6½	16	20
	550	20	39	56	28	35	38
Unilever (*536)	420	127	133	147	1	1½	3
	460	87	95	110	1½	4	7
	500	50	62	80	4	15	14
	Series	Mar	May	Aug	Mar	May	Aug
BTR (*339)	280	65	66	69	¾	1½	2½
	300	46	47	54	1½	3½	5½
	330	21	22	30	7	11	16
Hanson (*174)	130	46	-	-	½	-	-
	140	36½	40	41	¾	½	1
	160	17½	21	23½	1½	2¼	3½
	180	4½	8	11	9	10	10½
Tesco (*158)	140	20	21	25	2½	3½	5
	160	5½	7	13	9	11	12
	180	1	-	-	25	-	-
	Series	Mar	May		Mar	May	
Enterprise (*554)	460	103	-	-	3	-	-
	500	70	-	-	10	-	-
	550	38	-	-	28	-	-
Scot & New (*417)	360	66	-	-	2½	-	-
	390	47	62	-	10	15	-
	420	26	39	-	19	27	-

FT-SE INDEX (*2009)

Series	Calls Jan	Calls Feb	Calls Mar	Calls Apr	Puts Jan	Puts Feb	Puts Mar	Puts Apr
1700	320	317	330	340	½	1	2	3
1750	270	270	282	292	½	1½	2½	4
1800	220	225	235	245	½	2	5	7
1850	170	180	187	198	½	4	8	12
1900	120	130	143	163	½	7	15	20
1950	70	90	105	117	1½	15	25	33

January 27, 1989 Total: 92810 Calls 68286 Puts 24324 FT-SE: Calls 16950 Puts 9354

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 23	February 3	May 4	May 15

Call options were taken out on: 27/1/89 Corton Beach, New England Properties, Quotient, Br Steel, Trafalgar House, Sheraton Securities, Helical Bar, Howard Holdings, Tuskar Resources, Br Airways, Ennex, Owners Abroad, Taylor Woodrow, Mount Charlotte, PML, Mountleigh, Blackwood Hodge, Benlox, United Guarantee, Hambros Countrywide, Blacks Leisure, Aitken Hume, Burford Group, Expedier Leisure Rld, Meekatharra Mining, Davies & Metcalfe 'A'. Put: Waterford Glass.

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	12.24	12.89	+0.01	..
Bear	12.86	13.54	+0.11	..
Owl	15.80	16.64	+0.20	..
Bull	14.19	14.94	+0.10	..
Stag	14.87	15.86	+0.10	..
Gilt Edged		12.21	+0.04	..
Deposit		11.13	+0.01	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	14.16	14.93	+0.02	..
Bear	15.34	16.15	+0.20	..
Owl	18.87	20.71	+0.34	..
Bull	17.47	18.39	+0.19	..
Stag	17.85	18.58	+0.14	..
Gilt Edged		13.57	+0.05	..
Deposit		12.36	-0.01	..
Exempt App Mixed	193.0	198.9	+1.97	..
ABBEY LIFE				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	268.9	283.1	+4.3	..
Do Accum	401.6	422.8	+6.5	..
Equity Fund Income	118.1	125.4	+2.1	..
Do Accum	135.1	142.3	-0.1	..
Selective Fund	308.0	324.3	+4.8	..
Money Fund	250.8	264.0	+0.4	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	323.5	340.6	+4.1	..
Equity Ser 4	138.6	145.9	+2.0	..
Man Ser 4	395.2	416.0	+4.1	..
Conv Ser 4	223.9	235.7	+0.4	..
Money Ser 4	223.6	235.4	+0.3	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	221.4	233.2	+1.5	..
American Ser 4	263.2	277.1	-0.7	..
High Inc Ser 4	398.5	419.5	+7.1	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	132.0	139.0	+1.2	..
Japan Ser 4	298.6	315.4	+1.1	..
ALBANY LIFE				
3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	963.7	1003.8	+15.3	..
European Fd Accum	206.9	217.8	+1.4	..
Fixed Int Acc	339.9	357.7	+0.4	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	227.9	239.8	+0.3	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	372.6	392.2	+2.7	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	199.4	209.8	+0.5	..
Japan Fund	297.6	313.5	+1.7	..
Nth American Fd Acc	167.6	176.4	-0.9	..
Prop Fd Acc	312.3	328.7	+1.2	..
Multiple Inv Acc	650.6	684.2	+7.1	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
Swindon SN1 1EL 0793-514514				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	253.7	267.1	+0.3	..
Equity Accum	779.3	820.4	+10.9	..
Property Accum	478.4	503.6	+1.1	..
Far East Accum	189.6	199.6	+0.5	..
Managed Capital	353.7	372.4	+4.3	..
Do Accum	620.0	652.7	+7.6	..
Overseas Accum	516.5	543.7	+9.0	..
Gilt Edged Accum	312.6	329.1	+1.7	..
Amer Equity Accum	384.8	405.1	+1.1	..
Amer Man Accum	179.9	189.4	+0.2	..
Amer Prop Accum	132.3	139.3	-1.5	..
BALTIC ASSURANCE				
25-26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-493 3989				
Managed Growth	310.0	326.3	+3.39	..
Managed Income	133.7	140.7	+2.27	..
International	192.4	202.6	+4.44	..
High Income	199.3	209.8	+4.14	..
Income & Growth	274.6	289.1	+4.31	..
Basic Resources	120.9	127.3	+1.84	..
American	164.5	173.1	+2.33	..
Japan & General	469.8	494.5	-5.09	..
Special Situations	241.7	254.4	+5.57	..
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB 01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	550.5	579.8	+8.7	..
Do Initial	447.7	471.3	+7.1	..
Gilt Edged Accum	237.7	250.3	+1.1	..
Do Initial	194.9	205.2	+0.8	..
International Accum	286.0	301.1	+1.5	..
Do Initial	233.0	245.3	+1.1	..
Managed Accum	363.8	383.0	+3.7	..
Do Initial	297.0	312.7	+3.1	..
Money Accum	198.6	209.3	+0.3	..
Do Initial	157.1	165.4	+0.2	..
Property Accum	296.8	312.3	+0.3	..
Do Initial	239.4	252.1	..	..
America Accum	169.0	177.9	-0.1	..
Do Initial	140.1	147.5	..	..
Australia Accum	176.0	185.3	+2.6	..
Do Initial	146.4	154.2	+2.4	..
Financial Accum	249.3	262.5	+3.6	..
Do Initial	206.1	217.0	+2.5	..
500 Accum	305.6	321.7	+5.4	..
Do Initial	249.4	262.6	+4.1	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	452.8	476.7	+8.3	..
Do Initial 2	368.2	386.5	+3.4	..
Income Accum	326.5	343.8	+8.4	..
Do Initial	269.0	282.2	+6.6	..
Leisure Accum	205.2	216.0	+3.6	..
Special Sits Accum	155.2	163.4	+1.1	..
Unit Tech Accum	111.4	117.3	+0.7	..
Do Initial	94.2	99.2	+0.2	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
Mountbatten House Chatham Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fund		480.72	+6.86	..
Income Fund	457.1	481.1	+5.46	..
Extra Income Fund	420.3	442.5	+7.47	..
Worldwide Gwth Fd	321.5	338.5	+0.17	..
Balanced Fund	370.4	389.9	+8.60	..
Small Co's & Rc Fd	536.5	564.9	+9.66	..
Int Technology Fund	316.8	333.4	+1.25	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	219.2	230.7	+4.29	..
Energy Int Fund	122.4	128.9	+2.16	..
Pacific Basin Fund	293.5	308.9	-0.90	..
German Growth Fd	111.7	116.9	+0.12	..
Japan Growth Fd	188.8	198.8	-1.98	..
The UK Gth Fd	131.0	137.9	+3.75	..
Contl Euro Gth	73.10	76.95	-0.04	..
Property Fund	263.5	277.4	+0.03	..
Fixed Interest Fund	214.7	226.0	+3.09	..
Cash Fund	197.7	208.0	+0.30	..
Managed Inv Fund	290.9	306.2	+4.30	..
Nth Amer Recov	120.8	127.2	+0.96	..
CANADA LIFE				
2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth		180.1	..	..
Managed	269.2	283.3	+2.5	..
Property	171.3	180.4	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	156.8	164.1	..	..

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Index-Linked	130.4	137.3	+0.5	..
Equity	228.2	238.2	+4.5	..
Cash	155.2	163.4	+0.2	..
Midland Bk UT	222.7	234.5	+2.6	..
Midland Bk Int	225.9	237.8	+1.5	..
CANNON ASSURANCE				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Equity Units		£32.23	+1.38	..
Property Units		£30.17	..	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£40.49	42.65	-0.10	..
2nd Equity Accum	407.8	431.3	+8.2	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	392.9	415.6	+7.8	..
2nd Property Accum	290.5	307.2	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	127.9	135.3	+0.6	..
2nd Managed Acc	286.4	303.2	+2.8	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	125.0	132.3	+1.1	..
2nd Deposit Accum	197.3	208.8	+0.3	..
2nd Gilt Accum	201.6	213.3	+0.7	..
2nd Amer Accum	227.5	240.7	+0.6	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	197.0	208.5	+0.2	..
2nd Index Accum	124.4	131.6	+1.2	..
2nd Far East Accum	253.9	268.7	+0.2	..
2nd Global Accum	88.0	93.1	-0.1	..
2nd Euro Accum	92.9	98.3	+2.2	..
2nd Japan Accum	162.2	171.6	+0.4	..
2nd Heritage Acc	96.9	102.5	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	92.5	97.9	+0.3	..
2nd Strat Opp Acc	101.5	107.4	+1.4	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE				
Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd, Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA 0908-606101				
Property Fund	174.0	183.1	..	..
Money Fund	259.2	272.9	+0.3	..
Managed Fund	482.9	508.4	+3.2	..
Equity Fund	377.8	397.7	+4.9	..
Fixed Interest Fund	166.3	175.1	+0.9	..
Far East Fund	260.6	274.4	+2.8	..
Nth Amer Fund	120.6	127.0	-4.7	..
Nat Resources Fund	203.6	214.4	+5.2	..
Alexandra Fund	106.5	112.2	..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	169.2	178.2	+2.1	..
Ruby	101.4	106.8	+1.2	..
Emerald	96.6	101.6	+0.3	..
Equity	195.1	205.4	+3.7	..
Property	181.4	191.0	+1.0	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	133.9	141.0	+0.6	..
Indexed Secs	111.4	117.3	+0.7	..
Cash	126.4	133.1	+0.2	..
Nth American	112.4	118.4	-0.3	..
Far East	176.2	185.5	+2.0	..
International	132.5	139.5	+0.9	..
Special Sits	199.5	210.1	+3.1	..
Intl Income	180.2	189.7	+3.0	..
American Inc	105.6	111.4	-0.4	..
European	173.7	182.9	+0.1	..
Japanese	128.3	135.1	+1.8	..
SE Asia	142.5	150.0	+0.3	..
Home Inv WP Reg	100.8	106.1	+0.1	..
Home Inv WP Spec	100.8	106.1	+0.1	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	169.4	178.4	+2.8	..
Equity	184.3	194.1	+4.2	..
Property	170.1	179.1	+0.7	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	150.1	158.0	+1.0	..
Index Linked	118.3	124.6	+1.2	..
Cash	143.5	151.1	+0.2	..
Nth American	116.7	122.9	-0.2	..
Far East Acc	221.4	233.1	+3.0	..
International Acc	153.0	161.1	+1.6	..
Special Sits	275.5	290.1	+6.9	..
European Flex	210.2	221.3	+2.7	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL				
24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD 01-248 9861				
CML U Ass-Key		171.46	..	..
CML U Ass-Pacmstr		218.06	..	..
CML U AssCash	141.2	148.6	..	..
CML U AssEquity	319.8	336.6	..	..
CML U AssFI	213.6	224.8	..	..
CML U AssMngd	249.5	262.6	..	..
CML U AssProp	316.7	333.4	..	..
CML (Pen)Cash Cap	147.0	154.7	..	..
CML (Pen)Cash Inv	175.2	184.4	..	..
CML (Pen)Eqty Cap	794.9	836.8	..	..
CML (Pen)Eqty Inv	947.2	997.1	..	..
CML (Pen)Fxd Cap	242.5	255.4	..	..
CML (Pen)Fxd Inv	289.1	304.4	..	..
CML (Pen)Indx Cap	144.7	152.3	..	..
CML (Pen)Indx Inv	172.4	181.5	..	..
CML (Pen)Man Cap	368.9	388.3	..	..
CML (Pen)Man Inv	439.5	462.6	..	..
COMMERCIAL UNION				
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 01-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)		342.42	..	..
Var Ann (5)		95.79	..	..
Prime- Managed	272.3	286.6	+4.7	..
Prime- UK Equity	331.3	348.8	+7.5	..
Prime- Int Equity	199.5	210.0	+1.9	..
Prime- Property	178.9	188.4	+0.5	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	164.7	173.4	+1.3	..
Prime- Index-Linked	115.8	121.7	+0.9	..
Prime- Cash	138.2	145.5	+0.3	..
CONFEDERATION LIFE				
50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE 01-242 0282				
Managed Fund	730.1	768.5	+18.4	..
Equity Fund	994.2	1046.5	+5.5	..
PIP Fund		£31.389	+1.98	..
CROWN FINANCIAL				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
Life Managed Acc	366.5	385.7	+5.5	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	259.0	272.6	+2.8	..
Life Equity Accum	454.4	478.3	+9.8	..
Life Money Accum	204.2	214.9	+0.4	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	463.7	488.1	+9.9	..
Life Intl Accum	346.8	365.0	+1.9	..
Life High Inc Accum	492.4	518.3	+13.3	..
Life Property Accum	229.2	241.2	+2.6	..
Crown Brit Inv A	704.8	718.5	+17.9	..
Bowrig Equity	684.2	720.8	+3.2	..
DSS Managed	209.6	220.6	..	..
Growth Accum	243.1	256.0	+6.1	..
CRUSADER INSURANCE				
Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL 07372 42424				
Managed perf	99.6	105.4	+1.2	..
Performance Plus	92.1	97.5	+1.5	..

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With Profit Perf	110.6	117.2	+0.2	..
UK Opportunity	128.5	136.0	+3.0	..
Euro Opportunity	97.6	103.6	+1.2	..
North Amer Opp	85.7	90.7	-0.2	..
Far East Opp	104.4	110.5	+0.5	..
Gth Prop Series 1	184.0	193.7	..	..
Gth Prop Series 2	140.1	148.3	+0.1	..
Fixed Int	109.6	116.0	+0.5	..
Cash	108.4	114.7	+0.2	..
Managed Pens	350.6	355.6	..	..
Overseas	90.0	95.2	+1.0	..
EAGLE STAR INSURANCE				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	118.1	124.4	..	..
Blue Chip Fund	152.9	161.0	+0.6	..
Adventurous Fund	162.5	171.1	+2.2	..
Performance Fund	168.1	177.0	+1.3	..
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND				
1 Threadneedle St, London EC2 01-588 1212				
Eagle/Midland Units	183.5	190.2	+2.6	4.31
EQUITY & LAW				
Amersham Road, High Wycombe 0494 33377				
UK Equities Fund	536.8	564.0	+14.0	..
Higher Income Fund	551.6	580.6	+13.3	..
Property Fund	381.5	401.3	+0.4	..
Fixed Interest Fund	278.7	290.2	+1.5	..
Index-Linked Scs Fd	119.0	125.2	+0.6	..
Gtd Deposit Fund	199.6	210.3	+0.4	..
Nth America Fund	207.1	218.0	+2.0	..
Far East Fund	369.2	388.6	+4.9	..
Europe Fund	222.8	234.5	+0.7	..
International Fund	304.3	320.3	+5.7	..
Mixed Fund	400.0	421.0	+7.8	..
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 336242				
Managed (Mixed)	187.1	197.0	+2.9	..
UK Equity	231.9	244.0	+6.1	..
Stewardship	227.0	239.0	+3.3	..
Overseas Equity	178.2	187.6	+0.5	..
North American	88.9	93.6	-0.1	..
Pacific Basin	105.9	111.5	-0.2	..
European	104.2	109.7	+2.4	..
Property	180.0	189.5	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	146.8	154.4	+1.3	..
Index Linked	112.7	118.7	+0.9	..
Cash	133.6	140.6	+0.2	..
GT MANAGEMENT				
16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ 01-628 8131				
GT Plan Bond Fund	179.3	188.8	-1.0	..
GT Plan High Yield	258.5	273.2	+4.5	..
GT Plan Far East	234.5	248.9	+3.5	..
GT Plan North Amer	111.9	117.8	-1.1	..
GT Plan UK & GE	349.8	368.1	+8.7	..
GT Plan Worldwide	268.4	282.6	+1.8	..
GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE				
2, Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR 0904 628982				
Managed	131.0	137.9	+1.0	..
UK Equity	179.5	188.8	-0.7	..
Fixed Int	127.9	134.6	+0.8	..
Index-Linked	111.2	116.9	+0.8	..
Cash Deposit	120.0	126.2	+0.1	..
Property	141.2	148.5	..	..
International	111.4	117.1	+1.1	..
American	83.1	87.4	-0.2	..
Japan	144.0	151.5	+2.8	..
Japan Smlr Co's	145.3	152.8	+2.9	..
European	103.7	109.1	+0.2	..
Pacific Fund	103.3	108.7	-0.1	..
Conv Life	98.8	104.0	+1.5	..
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE				
Crossbrook St, Cheshunt Herts 0992 31971				
Portfolio Fd Acc	468.8	475.6	+2.8	..
Do Init		329.7	+3.5	..
Do Inv a	493.7	519.8	+5.8	..
UK Equity	268.1	282.2	+5.1	..
Overs Equity	157.7	166.1	-0.2	..
Smaller Cos	171.6	180.7	+3.2	..
Gilt Plus	141.1	148.6	+1.7	..
Do 86	128.7	133.5	..	..
Fixed Int Dep	128.8	135.6	+0.2	..
Managed	205.2	216.1	+2.5	..
Inter Man	170.6	179.6	+1.1	..
GRESHAM UNIT				
2-6, Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 782000				
Managed Bond	478.4	502.0	+6.7	..
Money Fund	216.3	227.7	+0.3	..
Equity Fund	402.2	423.6	+10.9	..
Fixed Interest Fund	165.8	174.7	+2.0	..
Property Fund	298.9	318.0	+4.7	..
Gresham Pramlington				
American & General	238.2	249.8	+0.3	..
Income	500.7	527.6	+11.5	..
International Gnwth	270.6	285.1	+2.4	..
Capital Fund	465.5	493.7	+8.7	..
Recovery Fund	335.1	353.1	+3.5	..
Japan & General	213.5	225.0	+2.9	..
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE				
Royal Exchange London EC3 01-283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	670.9	698.8	..	..
Managed Initial	348.7	367.0	+7.5	..
Do Accum	435.9	458.8	+9.5	..
Equity Initial	548.9	577.7	+13.6	..
Do Accum	683.5	719.6	+17.1	..
Fixed Int Initial	278.5	293.0	+1.4	..
Do Accum	348.0	366.3	+1.6	..
Intl Initial	317.9	336.2	+2.7	..
Do Accum	396.1	416.9	+3.5	..
Nth Amer Initial	97.8	102.9	-0.3	..
Do Accum	111.2	117.0	-0.4	..
Pacific Initial	202.3	213.0	+3.7	..
Do Accum	228.0	240.0	+4.5	..
Property Initial	197.5	207.9	..	..
Do Accum	246.6	259.5	..	..
Index-Linked Initial	110.9	116.7	+0.8	..
Do Accum	123.2	129.6	+1.0	..
Deposit Initial	149.7	157.5	+0.1	..
Do Accum	187.1	196.9	+0.2	..
Euro Initial	71.1	74.9	-0.2	..
Do Accum	74.8	78.7	-0.1	..
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION				
26, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1DA 01-638 5757				
High Income Fund	331.8	350.0	+6.6	..
Gilt Edged Fund	87.1	92.0	+0.3	..

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Capital Growth Inc	308.8	327.0	+6.7	..
Technology Fund	130.6	137.9	-0.1	..
Natural Resources	102.6	108.3	-0.5	..
Special Situations	278.0	293.5	+3.8	..
North America Fund	202.3	213.6	-0.6	..
Far East Fund	371.7	392.3	+1.1	..
Managed Fund	333.2	351.7	+3.1	..
Deposit Fund	153.2	161.3	+0.2	..
Prime Residential	165.9	174.7	..	..
Property Fund	225.3	237.2	+3.4	..
Managed Currency	117.1	123.6	+0.1	..
Global Health Care	128.9	136.1	+0.6	..
HILL SAMUEL LIFE				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 01-686 4355				
Security Fund	320.3	337.2	+5.3	..
British Fund	298.3	314.0	+4.1	..
International Fund	296.8	312.5	+2.2	..
Dollar Fund	200.6	211.2	+0.5	..
Capital Fund	291.0	306.3	+5.3	..
Income Fund	405.8	427.2	+3.5	..
Property Series 'A'	364.7	383.9	+0.1	..
Property Units	632.8	664.5	..	..
Financial Fund	276.8	291.4	+9.8	..
Managed Series 'A'	344.6	362.8	+7.1	..
Do 'C'	231.3	243.5	+4.7	..
Managed Units	597.2	628.2	+12.4	..
High Yield Fund	378.4	398.4	+6.9	..
Money Series 'A'	194.3	204.6	+0.3	..
Money Units	251.4	264.7	+0.4	..
Equity Fund	376.9	396.8	+10.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	230.3	242.5	+0.5	..
Indexed Secs Fund	123.3	129.8	+0.6	..
European Fund	400.3	421.4	+3.8	..
Natural Res Fund	191.3	201.4	+2.3	..
Far East Fund	403.5	424.8	+2.1	..
Smaller Co's Fund	397.0	417.9	+8.5	..
Special Sits Fund	311.7	328.2	+5.8	..
Man Currency Fund	168.5	177.4	-0.4	..
Japanese Tech	196.0	206.4	-3.3	..
US Smaller Co's	91.0	95.8	-1.2	..
IMPERIAL TRIDENT LIFE LTD				
68, London Road, Gloucester, GL1 3LE 0452 500500				
(Formerly Imperial Life Ass of Can)				
Growth Fund	307.7	324.8	+5.1	..
Managed Fd	268.3	282.4	+1.9	..
Fixed Int Fd	262.8	276.1	+1.5	..
Secure Cap Fd	193.7	203.9	+0.6	..
Equity Fd	757.9	797.8	+12.4	..
Property Fd	229.9	242.0	..	..
(Formerly Trident Life)				
Managed	341.4	359.4	+2.4	..
Gtd Mgd	342.6	360.7	+1.6	..
Property	410.2	431.9	-0.1	..
American	233.8	246.3	+0.5	..
UK Equity Fd	432.9	455.7	+7.1	..
High Yield	492.1	518.1	+6.8	..
Gilt Edged	290.3	305.6	+1.6	..
Money	271.4	285.7	+0.4	..
International	271.9	286.3	+1.3	..
Henderson Active	147.8	155.5	+1.8	..
Perpetual Active	155.9	164.2	+1.6	..
Growth Cap	304.5	320.6	+1.5	..
Do Accum	409.5	431.2	+2.6	..
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE				
Longbow House, 20, Chiswell St, London EC1 4TY 01-638 1731				
Global Managed 3	336.6	354.3	+4.4	..
Global Property 3	196.7	207.1	..	..
Global Fixed Int 3	324.3	341.4	+3.7	..
Global Equity 3	373.9	393.6	+4.7	..
Global Cash 3	143.5	151.1	+0.2	..
LAS GROUP				
10, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2YH 031-225 8494				
Managed Fund	229.2	241.3	+5.4	..
UK Equity	364.2	383.4	+8.1	..
Property	271.4	285.7	..	..
Money Market	170.8	179.8	+0.2	..
Fixed Interest	208.1	219.1	+1.2	..
Japan	337.4	355.1	-0.1	..
North America	102.4	107.9	-0.6	..
International	189.2	199.4	..	..
European	135.6	147.0	+0.3	..
Far East	102.0	107.4	+0.5	..
Special Sits	83.6	88.0	+0.1	..
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE				
2, Montefiore Rd, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 724588				
Bldg Soc Lnkd Init	110.9	116.8	+0.1	..
Do Accum	126.8	133.3	+0.2	..
Brit Opps Int	100.6	105.9	+1.5	..
Do Accum	104.2	109.7	+1.5	..
Cash Initial	136.1	143.3	+0.2	..
Do Accum	195.6	205.9	+0.2	..
Equity Initial	429.0	451.6	+7.9	..
Do Accum	616.3	648.8	+11.4	..
Fixed Initial	262.5	276.4	+2.0	..
Do Accum	377.2	397.1	+2.9	..
Index-Linked Gilt	103.7	109.2	+0.9	..
Do Accum	127.1	133.8	+1.1	..
Intl Initial	267.7	281.8	+1.6	..
Do Accum	378.7	398.1	+2.2	..
Managed Initial	331.3	348.8	+4.5	..
Do Accum	475.9	501.0	+6.4	..
Property Initial	205.2	216.1	+1.2	..
Do Accum	294.8	310.4	+1.8	..
LEGAL & GENERAL PROPERTY				
11, Queen Vic St London EC4N 4TP 01-248 9678				
L & G (25)	232.9	241.5	..	..
LONDON LIFE				
100, Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity		564.7	+15.3	..
Fixed Interest		255.8	+3.5	..
Property		303.2	+0.2	..
Deposit		195.1	+0.2	..
Mixed		375.9	+6.6	..
Indexed Stock		137.2	+0.5	..
International		177.8	+0.7	..
Equity A		132.2	+3.6	..
Fixed Int A		114.5	+1.6	..
Property A		134.5	+0.1	..
Deposit A		115.7	+0.2	..
Mixed A		124.7	+2.2	..
Index Stock A		108.4	+0.4	..
International A		112.1	+0.5	..
Equity P		435.7	+13.5	..
Fixed Int P		305.8	+4.6	..
Property P		252.4	+0.2	..
Deposit P		200.1	+0.5	..
Mixed P		323.1	+8.3	..
Index Stock P		154.0	+0.6	..
International P		194.7	+0.7	..

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LON & MANCHESTER GROUP				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
Inv Trust Cap		437.3	+5.7	..
Do Accum		589.5	+7.8	..
Property Cap		168.3	-0.1	..
Do Accum		214.9	..	..
Fixed Interest Cap		188.5	+0.9	..
Do Accum		211.6	+1.3	..
Equity Cap		225.4	+3.6	..
Do Accum		288.6	+4.7	..
International Cap		175.6	+0.9	..
Do Accum		223.4	+1.2	..
Gtd Deposit Cap		150.9	..	..
Do Accum		191.0	+0.2	..
Flexible Cap		262.9	+2.5	..
Do Accum		336.3	+3.4	..
Moneymaker Fund		279.2	+3.4	..
Capital Growth Fund		863.6	+13.4	..
M & G				
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626-4588				
Amer Bond Acc	204.2	214.5	-1.1	..
Amer Rec Bond	248.6	261.4	+1.6	..
Amer Smlr Co Bond	92.0	96.7	+1.6	..
Australasia Bond	154.2	162.1	+3.8	..
Commodity Bond	174.4	183.2	+2.6	..
Deposit Bond Acc	243.6	255.9	+0.3	..
Equity Bond Accum	817.6	858.5	+18.3	..
European Bond Acc	191.9	201.5	+1.0	..
Extra Yld Bd Accum	435.4	457.2	+8.8	..
Far East Bd Accum	144.3	151.6	+0.4	..
Gilt Bond Accum	277.5	291.4	+1.5	..
Gold Bond Accum	95.4	100.3	+3.8	..
High Yield Bond	278.8	293.8e	+4.9	6.13
Index-Linked Gt Bd	139.6	146.9	+1.3	..
International Bond	423.9	445.2	+5.2	..
Japan Bond Acc	275.8	289.7	+4.2	..
Japan Smlr Co Acc	201.3	211.6	+3.2	..
Managed Bonds	523.3	549.6	+7.9	..
Prop Bond Accum	344.3	361.6	-0.3	..
Rec Bond Accum	438.7	461.8	+5.1	..
MGM ASSURANCE				
MGM Hse Heene Rd, Worthing BN11 2DY 0903 204631				
UK Equity Fund	207.7	218.7	+3.4	..
Do Accum	248.4	259.4	+4.1	..
Special Sits Fund	192.1	202.3	+2.3	..
Do Accum	228.1	240.2	+2.6	..
North American Fd	128.9	135.7	-0.1	..
Do Accum	152.9	161.0	-0.1	..
Pacific Basin Fund	283.7	298.7	-2.0	..
Do Accum	336.5	354.3	-2.2	..
Fixed Interest Fund	219.1	230.7	+2.4	..
Do Accum	260.1	273.8	+2.9	..
Property Fund	161.6	170.2	..	..
Do Accum	191.7	201.8	+0.1	..
Deposit Fund	116.3	122.5	+0.1	..
Do Accum	138.1	145.4	+0.3	..
Managed Fund	201.9	212.6	+1.7	..
Do Accum	239.8	252.3	+2.1	..
MANUFACTURERS LIFE				
St George's Way, Stevenage 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	464.0	488.4	+13.9	..
Property Fund	400.0	421.0	+0.7	..
Equity Fund	559.6	589.1	+27.7	..
Gilt Edged Fund	396.5	417.4	+12.8	..
Deposit Fund	223.2	234.9	+0.8	..
Investment Fund	238.6	250.6	+10.3	..
International Fund	378.3	398.2	+9.3	..
MERCHANT INVESTORS				
Leon House, 233 High St Croydon 01-686 9171				
Property		449.2	..	..
Equity Bond		188.8	+2.0	..
Money Market Bond		324.1	+1.6	..
Deposit Fund		258.5	+0.2	..
Managed Fund		304.8	+2.1	..
Intl Equity		321.9	+2.0	..
Intl Managed		306.6	+1.6	..
North American		116.5	-0.4	..
Far East		278.7	+1.6	..
Intl Currency		178.1	+0.4	..
NM SCHRODER LIFE				
Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	88.4	93.0	+1.8	..
Fixed Interest	345.6	363.7	+3.8	..
Managed	441.3	464.5	+7.9	..
Deposit	234.1	246.4	+0.2	..
Overseas	245.6	258.7	+0.3	..
Property	363.4	382.5	+0.3	..
American	223.3	235.0	-0.7	..
Australian	289.9	305.1	+7.6	..
European	304.5	320.5	+4.0	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	188.2	198.0	+2.2	..
Global Managed	102.0	107.3	+0.5	..
Income Accum	488.6	514.5	+13.0	..
Do Dist	391.0	411.5	+10.6	..
International	258.7	272.3	+1.7	..
Japan Smaller	292.2	307.5	+1.9	..
Singapore & Mal	138.7	146.0	+1.8	..
Smaller Companies	383.4	403.5	+7.7	..
Tokyo Fund	483.7	509.1	-1.8	..
UK Equity	395.8	416.7	+9.1	..
CGM Vang'd Mgd	425.0	447.5	+4.2	..
Equity Pension Cap	623.6	656.4	+15.6	..
Overseas Pension	274.2	288.6	+0.3	..
NATIONAL PROVIDENT				
48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200				
Managed	306.5	322.7	+3.8	..
UK Equity	388.7	409.2	+8.0	..
Overseas Equity	282.1	297.0	+2.3	..
American	216.3	227.7	+0.1	..
Far East	354.2	372.9	+3.9	..
Property	200.9	211.5	+1.3	..
Fixed Interest	222.9	234.7	+1.4	..
Indexed Gilt	129.5	136.4	+1.0	..
Deposit	145.6	153.5	+0.2	..
NORWICH UNION				
PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	793.9	835.7	+9.3	..
Equity Fund	£15.87	16.71	+0.35	..
Property Fund (3)	441.9	465.2	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Fund (3)	396.8	417.7	+1.4	..
Deposit Fund (3)	227.8	239.8	+0.3	..
Intl Fund (30)	135.1	142.3	..	..
Unit-Linked Plus		820.0	..	..
PEARL ASSURANCE				
252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01-831-1657				
Inv Prop Dist	180.3	189.8	+0.7	..
Do Accum	303.7	319.7	+1.2	..
Inv Equity	691.2	727.6	+15.3	..
Inv Managed	502.6	529.1	+8.6	..
Ret Managed	481.1	506.5	+7.3	..

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PHOENIX ASSURANCE				
4-5, King William St, EC4N 7ER 01-626 9876				
Wealth Assured	407.1	428.5	+7.8	..
Ebor Phoenix Equity	349.7	370.6	..	..
PROPERTY GROWTH				
Leon House, Croydon CR9 1LU 01-680 0606				
Property Fund		422.7	+0.2	..
Property Fund (A)		403.2	+0.2	..
Agricultural Fund		549.8	+0.2	..
Agric Fund (A)		519.7	+0.1	..
Abbey Nat Fund		311.6	+0.3	..
Abbey Nat Fund (A)		336.9	+0.3	..
Investment Fund		220.3	+2.5	..
Investment Fund (A)		213.3	+2.4	..
Equity Fund		794.3	+13.3	..
Equity (A)		770.5	+13.0	..
Money Fund		310.2	+0.2	..
Money Fund (A)		300.4	+0.2	..
Actuarial Fund		368.2	+4.2	..
Gilt-Edged Fund		289.5	+1.3	..
Gilt-Edged Fund (A)		269.5	+1.3	..
Retire Annuity		817.8	..	..
Immed Annuity		323.0	..	..
International Fund		403.6	+3.1	..
Bldg Soc Life Fund		154.7	+0.1	..
PROVIDENCE CAPITAL				
30, Uxbridge Rd, W12 8PG 01-749 9111				
Equity Fund Accum	190.4	200.9	+1.7	..
Fixed Interest Acc	145.6	153.6	+0.7	..
International Accum	141.3	149.1	..	..
Managed Accum	149.0	157.1	+0.6	..
Property Accum	225.3	237.7	+0.5	..
Money Accum	103.8	109.5	+0.1	..
Special Mkt Accum	110.0	116.1	-2.1	..
Japan Growth Acc	142.5	150.4	+1.1	..
N Amer Accum	92.0	97.1	+0.4	..
Pacific Accum	82.4	87.0	..	..
Technology Accum	106.9	112.8	-2.5	..
Natural Res Accum	63.5	67.0	-0.2	..
Japan Grwth Accum	216.4	228.3	..	..
European Accum	84.0	88.7	+0.3	..
PROVIDENT MUTUAL				
25/31, Moorgate London EC2R 6BA 01-628 3232				
Managed Ord	304.2	320.2	+3.3	..
Managed Initial	247.8	260.8	+2.6	..
Equity Ord	423.3	445.6	+7.8	..
Equity Init	344.8	362.9	+6.2	..
Index-Lnkd Gilt Ord	132.8	139.8	+1.1	..
Index Linked Gilt Init	113.0	118.9	+0.8	..
Overs Equity Ord	275.0	289.5	+1.9	..
Overs Equity Initial	224.0	235.8	+1.5	..
Property Ord	189.5	199.5	+0.1	..
Property Initial	154.7	162.8	..	..
Fixed Int Ord	177.0	186.3	+1.2	..
Fixed Int Initial	144.2	151.8	+1.0	..
Deposit Ord	139.5	146.8	+0.1	..
Deposit Initial	113.7	119.7	+0.1	..
PROVINCIAL LIFE				
Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria 0539 23415				
Managed Fund	536.4	565.3	+6.0	..
Cash Fund	226.8	238.0	..	..
Property Fund	278.0	293.0	..	..
Equity Fund	583.8	621.1	+8.6	..
Fxd Interest Fund	289.5	305.1	+2.3	..
International	259.3	275.9	-1.2	..
High Income	448.7	475.3	+12.1	..
Far East	410.6	432.7	-0.8	..
North American	218.6	232.6	-5.9	..
Special Sits	538.8	571.1	+11.2	..
Technology	215.2	226.8	+2.7	..
Extra Income Fund	262.3	279.1	+7.7	..
Gilt Fund 20	302.8	322.2	+1.8	..
PRUDENTIAL				
Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH 01-405 9222				
Managed	220.2	229.4	+3.9	..
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN LIFE LTD				
30 Old Burlington Street London W1X 1LB 01-439 3134				
Managed Fund	465.2	489.7	+8.3	..
Equity Fund	930.8	979.8	+22.6	..
Intl Fund	326.8	344.1	+3.2	..
Fixed Interest Fund	371.5	391.1	+2.0	..
Property Fund	357.2	376.0	+0.4	..
Cash Fund	246.7	259.1	+0.3	..
Pacific Basin Fd	194.3	204.6	+1.4	..
N American Fd	129.7	136.5	-0.6	..
Euro Fund	137.3	144.6	+3.0	..
Balanced Fund	106.5	112.2	+0.9	..
Strategic Fund	106.3	111.9	+1.0	..
REGENCY LIFE ASS CO				
55-57 High Holborn London WC1V 6DU 01-831 7481				
Series 2 Man Fund	288.6	303.7	+3.8	..
Series 2 Equity Fund	349.2	367.5	+5.0	..
Series 2 Prop Fund	381.6	401.8	+7.5	..
Series 2 Fix Int Fund	242.2	254.9	+2.1	..
Series 2 Money Fd	171.9	180.9	+0.1	..
Series 2 O'seas Fd	238.6	251.1	+2.1	..
Tulip Invest Fund	282.3	297.2	-2.8	..
Tulip Mangd Fund	360.4	379.3	+5.6	..
Mngd Inv Fd Int	251.4	264.6	+3.7	..
Do Accum	295.4	310.9	+4.5	..
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE LTD				
20, Clifton Street London EC2A 4HX 01-920 0202 0733 262524				
Multi Growth (45)		440.73	..	..
Multi Growth 'A' (45)	440.7	464.0	..	..
Op 5 Prop	413.8	435.6	+0.3	..
Op 5 Equity	734.7	773.4	+19.3	..
Op 5 High Yield	352.2	370.8	+5.5	..
Op 5 Managed	564.5	594.7	+8.9	..
Op 5 Deposit	267.0	281.1	+0.4	9.14
Op 5 US Dollar	81.6	85.9	..	8.75
Amer Smaller	100.3	105.5	-0.6	..
Commodity	78.7	80.8	+1.3	..
Extra Inc	144.0	151.6	+3.2	..
Far East	162.7	171.3	..	..
Fin Secs	159.3	167.7	+2.8	..
Gold Gen	38.1	40.2	+1.5	..
Inc Gth	233.6	246.2	+4.4	..
Intl Fund	147.3	155.0	+1.0	..
Japan Perf	285.2	300.3	+2.7	..
Japan Smlr	190.6	200.9	+2.3	..
Hard High	227.2	239.2	+7.0	..
Prop Shs	188.5	198.4	+3.6	..
Intl Recovery	209.9	221.0	..	..
Smaller Cos	283.0	297.9	+4.8	..
Univ Energy	59.2	62.4	+0.4	..
World Tech	111.0	116.9	+2.0	..
Managed Gilt	180.0	189.5	+1.3	..
Gilt	88.1	92.8	+0.1	..
Hong Kong	75.2	79.2	-0.6	..
Aust Gth	65.9	69.4	+1.4	..
Amer (35.34)	123.5	130.0	+0.2	..

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Australian	60.3	63.5	+1.6	..
British	192.1	202.3	+5.9	..
Commodity	129.8	136.7	+0.8	..
Extra Inc	190.2	200.3	+3.0	..
Far Eastern	243.6	256.5	+0.8	..
Intl Fixed Int	88.1	92.8	+0.2	..
Global (35.34)	282.5	297.4	+2.5	..
Gold Share	49.8	52.5	+1.3	..
High Income	257.9	271.5	+3.9	..
Income	335.0	352.7	+6.5	..
Japan	307.8	324.1	+3.2	..
Special Sits	225.4	237.3	+3.4	..
UK Smlr Co's	288.4	303.6	+4.9	..
Man Growth	297.5	313.2	+3.7	..
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE				
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Royal Shield Fund	584.0	617.9	+7.8	..
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	239.1	251.6	+3.5	..
Equity Fund	304.5	320.6	+5.6	..
Property Fund	210.8	221.8	+0.7	..
International Fund	300.4	316.2	+1.1	..
Pacific Basin Fund	208.9	219.8	+0.6	..
United States Fund	131.8	138.7	-0.1	..
Gilt Fund	211.1	222.2	+1.2	..
SAVE & PROSPER				
1, Finsbury Ave London,EC2M 2QY 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	485.7	514.0	+4.5	..
Deposit Fund (2)	251.6	266.3	+0.4	..
Gilt Fund	329.4	349.6	+5.3	..
Global Equity Fund	145.8	154.3	+3.3	..
Property Fund (46)	81.5	86.3s	..	..
AG Bond Fund	102.7	108.7	+1.4	..
SCOTTISH AMICABLE				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 2323				
Equity	389.8	410.4	+4.5	..
Fixed Interest	223.8	235.6	+1.4	..
International	248.2	261.3	+1.0	..
Property	215.6	227.0	..	..
Cash	156.0	164.3	+0.2	..
Managed	299.1	314.9	+3.3	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE				
28, St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	118.2	124.5	+0.11	..
Index-Linked	103.2	108.7	+0.8	..
Fixed Interest	124.6	131.2	+0.7	..
Mixed	152.4	160.5	+1.8	..
UK Equity	143.3	150.9	+2.1	..
International	161.2	169.7	+0.7	..
American	122.2	128.7	-0.7	..
Japan	216.4	227.8	+1.1	..
European	152.9	161.0	+0.4	..
Pacific	201.3	211.9	+1.1	..
Technology	144.1	151.7	+1.4	..
Foreign Bd/Currency	141.4	148.9	-0.5	..
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031-225 2211				
Property	165.7	174.5	+0.1	..
UK Equity	208.1	219.2e	+3.3	..
American	140.5	148.0e	-0.7	..
Pacific	220.7	232.4e	+1.5	..
European	237.4	250.0	+1.7	..
International	178.2	187.7	+1.1	..
Fixed Interest	142.9	150.5	+1.0	..
Index Linked	133.7	140.8	+1.1	..
Deposit	128.0	134.8	+0.2	..
Managed	172.2	181.4	+1.4	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	£10.58	10.90	..	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENTS				
109, St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 6321				
Safety Fund	145.1	152.8	+1.3	..
Growth Fund	154.6	163.0	+1.4	..
Opportunity Fund	156.1	163.5	+1.5	..
Cash Fund	117.8	124.1	+0.1	..
European Fund	184.7	194.5	+1.0	..
Gilts & Fxd Int Fund	123.7	130.3	+0.5	..
Index-Linked Fund	117.5	123.7	+0.9	..
International Fund	163.8	172.5	+1.3	..
North American Fd	117.3	123.5	+1.0	..
Property Fund	124.2	130.8	+0.1	..
UK Equity	164.8	173.5	+1.9	..
UK Smaller	201.2	211.8	+2.7	..
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT				
6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031-556 9181				
Mixed	169.5	178.5	+2.1	..
Equity	177.4	186.8	+4.1	..
International	173.3	182.5	-0.1	..
Property	207.2	218.2	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	135.3	142.6	+1.1	..
Index Linked	117.0	123.3	+1.3	..
Cash	129.1	135.9	+0.2	..
SCOTTISH WIDOWS				
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Inv Pol 1		546.2	..	..
Inv Pol 2	502.8	529.1	..	..
Inv Pol 3	487.5	513.2	..	..
Inv Cash	205.8	216.7	..	..
Mixed Fund	290.8	306.2	+4.1	..
Equity Fund	344.9	363.2	+6.6	..
Property Fund	215.5	226.9	+0.2	..
International Fund	270.3	284.5	+2.8	..
Fixed Interest Fund	218.6	230.2	+1.1	..
Indexed Stock Fund	130.3	137.3	+1.1	..
Cash Fund	151.2	159.3	+0.2	..
SKANDIA LIFE				
Frobisher Hse, Nelsons Gate, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Accum	246.4	259.3	+3.9	..
Equity Accum	294.6	310.1	+7.3	..
International Accum	234.0	246.3	+2.1	..
Property	190.7	200.7	+0.2	..
Royal Trust Mngd	159.3	168.8	+1.9	..
Britannia Mngd	128.0	134.7	+1.5	..
Framlington Mngd	148.7	156.5	+2.5	..
Gartmore Mngd	161.2	169.8	+2.5	..
Henderson Mngd	155.8	163.4	+3.5	..
TSB Managed	138.1	145.3	+2.9	..
North European	196.7	207.0	+2.0	..
Pacific	190.4	200.4	+0.1	..
Intl Recovery	160.5	168.9	+1.9	..
Gilt Plus Accum	199.6	210.0	+2.0	..
North American	115.8	121.8	+0.9	..
Deposit	180.0	189.4	+0.3	..

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STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO				
3, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031-225-2552				
Cash	181.2	190.8	+0.2	..
Equity	558.6	588.1	+13.3	..
European	88.5	93.2	+0.6	..
Far East	122.8	129.3	+1.3	..
Fixed Interest	253.2	266.6	+1.8	..
Index Linked	135.2	142.4	+0.6	..
International	373.5	393.2	+2.3	..
Managed	407.7	429.2	+6.9	..
Nth American	78.4	82.6	-0.2	..
Property	271.2	285.5	+0.2	..
Pension Funds				
Cash	248.5	259.5	+0.5	..
Equity	734.0	763.7	+19.2	..
European	88.5	93.2	+0.6	..
Far East	122.8	129.3	+1.3	..
Fixed Interest	302.4	318.4	+2.1	..
Index Linked	176.3	185.6	+0.8	..
International	511.7	538.7	+1.1	..
Managed	538.1	566.5	+9.0	..
Nth American	78.4	82.6	-0.2	..
Property	330.5	347.9	+0.3	..
Stock Exchange	119.8	126.2	+2.2	..
SUN ALLIANCE				
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 64141				
Managed Fund	416.1	438.0	+4.8	..
Equity Fund	560.2	579.2	+9.5	..
Fixed Interest Fund	294.7	310.3	+1.2	..
Index Linked Fund	202.5	213.2	+2.8	..
Property Fund	380.5	400.6	+0.2	..
International Fund	366.4	385.7	+3.0	..
N American Fund	110.8	116.7	-0.7	..
Far East Fund	203.8	214.6	+0.1	..
Deposit Fund	199.9	210.5	+0.2	..
International Bond		£46.62	+0.19	..
Worldwide Bond				
Worldwide Flocl	85.2	89.7	+0.4	..
Worldwide Tech	84.0	88.5	+0.6	..
European	89.8	94.6	+0.2	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing:0256-841414				
Growth Account		907.3	+26.8	..
Managed Account		500.7	+6.4	..
Equity Account		678.2	+14.6	..
Mngd Fund Accum	236.7	249.2	+3.1	..
Equity Fund Accum	304.3	320.3	+5.9	..
Prop Fund Accum	217.8	229.3	+0.1	..
Fixed Int Fd Acc	187.8	197.7	+3.1	..
Intl Fund Accum	282.3	297.2	-2.6	..
Money Fund Accum	148.1	155.9	+0.1	..
Index-Lnkd Sec Acc	136.1	143.4	+0.2	..
Pens Pens Account		£10.184	+0.18	..
Pens Mngd Account	473.9	498.9	+8.7	..
Pens Guarantee	140.1	147.5	+0.5	..
Pens Equity	179.1	188.5	+5.7	..
Pens Property	180.2	189.7	+0.1	..
Pens Fixed Int	153.2	161.2	+2.0	..
Pens Intl	132.1	139.0	-0.8	..
Pens Money	138.6	146.1	+0.4	..
Pens Indx-Lnkd	123.4	129.9	+0.8	..
SUN LIFE UNIT				
St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Accum	519.7	547.1	+8.4	..
Property Accum	316.1	332.8	+0.1	..
Equity Accum	749.4	788.9	+21.6	..
Fixed Int Accum	244.2	257.1	+1.7	..
Index-Linked Accum	125.9	132.6	+1.9	..
Cash Accum	207.0	217.9	+0.5	..
Amer Equity Accum	199.9	210.5	+1.6	..
US Bonds Accum	119.0	125.3	-1.1	..
Japan Accum	304.2	320.3	-1.0	..
Pacific Accum	150.3	158.3	+5.5	..
Far Eastern Accum	485.2	510.8	+6.8	..
International Accum	331.5	349.0	+2.1	..
US Dollar Accum	88.7	93.4	-1.3	..
Yen Accum	132.7	139.7	+0.1	..
Euro Cur Accum	112.8	118.8	-0.3	..
Distribution Fund	221.4	233.1	+4.8	7.32
European	103.8	109.3	+1.8	..
TSB LIFE LTD				
Keens House, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG 0264 56789				
Managed Fund	174.2	183.5	+2.1	..
Property Fund	149.6	157.5	+0.5	..
Fixed Interest Fund	148.1	156.0	+1.4	..
Money Fund	134.4	141.6	+0.2	..
Equity Fund	224.1	236.0	+3.0	..
TARGET LIFE				
Target House, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury Bucks Aylesbury (0296) 394000				
American Eagle	102.4	107.8	+0.5	..
Australian	26.4	27.8	+1.0	..
Commodity	91.8	96.7	+2.0	..
Deposit	174.0	183.2	+0.2	..
Residential Prop	91.2	96.0	..	..
Financial	204.9	215.7	+3.1	..
Fixed Interest	210.6	221.7	+1.3	..
Gold	75.4	79.4	+2.9	..
Income	273.2	287.6	+3.8	..
International Equity	259.1	272.8	+3.0	..
Japan	367.0	386.4	+0.3	..
Convertible	105.9	111.5	+0.2	..
Managed	409.1	430.7	+4.8	..
International Bond	85.9	90.6e	+0.8	..
Managed Prop	142.0	149.5	..	..
Pacific	183.6	193.5	+3.0	..
Preference	196.6	207.0	+2.0	..
Property	333.0	350.6	..	..
Special Situations	205.8	216.7	+7.3	..
Sterling		8.0	..	..
Technology	61.8	65.1	..	..
UK Equity	593.1	618.1	+18.8	..
World Income	160.3	168.8	+2.1	..
Euro Situations	142.3	149.8	+1.3	..
TYNDALL ASSURANCE				
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
3-Way Fund		383.9	..	..
UK Equity	261.1	274.8	+8.7	..
N American Equity	170.5	179.4	+0.8	..
Far East Equity	323.4	340.6	+2.1	..
Fixed	189.9	199.7	+0.8	..
Cash Deposit	140.0	147.4	+0.1	..
Property	132.2	139.1	+0.6	..
Special Opp	343.2	361.2	+2.5	..
Managed	232.1	244.3	+3.1	..
Index-Linked Fd	138.2	143.4	+1.4	..
Star Mngd 2	221.6	233.1	+0.9	..
Star Mngd 3	231.7	243.9	+1.6	..
Star Mngd 4	210.1	221.2	+0.6	..
Star Mngd 5	213.2	224.5	+1.7	..

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Strong advance

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 16. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day January 30. Settlement day February 6. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at 4 pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Evered	Industrials E-K	
2	Bremner	Drapery,Stores	
3	Anglo Leasing	Banks,Discount	
4	Castles	Banks,Discount	
5	Senior Eng	Industrials S-Z	
6	Hunter Saphir	Foods	
7	Merivale Moore	Property	
8	Lon Intl	Industrials L-R	
9	Lamont	Textiles	
10	Tace	Industrials S-Z	
11	Jourdan (Thomas)	Industrials E-K	
12	Westmex	Industrials S-Z	
13	Farnell Elect	Electricals	
14	NSM	Building,Roads	
15	Empire Stores	Drapery,Stores	
16	Laing (J)	Building,Roads	
17	Expamet	Industrials E-K	
18	Watson & Philip	Foods	
19	News International	Newspapers,Pub	
20	Arncliffe	Building,Roads	
21	Jones & Shipman	Industrials E-K	
22	ERA Gp	Drapery,Stores	
23	Bulmer (H P)	Breweries	
24	Lex	Motors,Aircraft	
25	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
26	Lon & Metro	Property	
27	Laird	Industrials L-R	
28	Hambros	Banks,Discount	
29	KLP	Paper,Print,Adv	
30	Wickes	Drapery,Stores	
31	Kwik Save	Foods	
32	Argyll (aa)	Foods	
33	Quotient	Electricals	
34	Speyhawk	Property	
35	Low & Bonar	Industrials L-R	
36	Blagden	Chemicals,Plas	
37	Baggeridge Brick	Building,Roads	
38	Weir	Industrials S-Z	
39	Priest Marians	Property	
40	First Nat Finance	Banks,Discount	
41	Shell (aa)	Oil,Gas	
42	APV	Industrials A-D	
43	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
44	Hollas	Drapery,Stores	
		Daily Total	

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. Gross yield	Red. Yld
98¾	95¼	Treas	3% 1989	98¾	..	3.0	9.600
97¾	92¾	Treas	5% 1986-89	96¾	..	5.18	10.138
101⅝	94	Treas C	9½% 1989	99¾	..	9.5	12.274
102	93¾	Exch	10% 1989	99	● ..	10.1	12.379
104¼	94¾	Exch	10% 1989	99¾	..	10.3	11.089
102¾	94	Treas	10½% 1989	99¾	..	10.5	12.971
103½	94¾	Exch	11% 1989	99¾	..	11.0	12.143
91¾	87¼	Exch	2½% 1990	89¾	..	2.80	8.119
98¾	89¾	Treas	3% 1990	92¼	+⅛	3.2	8.405
102¾	92¾	Treas	8% 1990	98	+⅛	8.1	9.704
98½	92	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	96¾	+⅛	8.5	11.046
105¾	93¾	Treas	10% 1990	98¾	+⅛	10.1	10.848
104¾	93¾	Exch	11% 1990	99¾	●+⅛	11.0	11.212
107¾	100¾	Exch	12½% 1990	101¾	+⅛	12.3	11.284
107½	94¾	Treas	13% 1990	101¾	..	12.8	11.276
90¾	85¾	Treas	3% 1991	87¾	+⅛	3.4	9.177
95¾	87¼	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	91¾	+⅛	6.2	10.249
98¾	90¾	Treas	9% 1991	94	+⅛	9.5	10.575
105¾	93¾	Treas C	10% 1991	99¾	+⅛	10.0	10.250
107¾	95¾	Exch	11% 1991	101	+⅛	10.9	10.822
107¾	94¾	Treas	11¾% 1991	101¾	+⅛	11.5	10.835
88¾	81¾	Treas	3% 1992	84¾	+⅛	3.5	8.583
98¾	88¾	Treas	8% 1992	93¾	+⅛	8.5	10.398
104¾	92¾	Treas	10% 1992	99¾	●+⅛	10.0	10.373
106¾	95¾	Treas	C10½% 1992	100¾	+⅛	10.4	10.363
112¾	98¾	Exch	12¼% 1992	105¾	●+⅛	11.6	10.451
113¾	98¾	Treas	12½% 1992	106¾	+⅛	12.0	10.338
117¾	106¾	Exch	13½% 1992	108¾	+⅛	12.3	10.375
93	85¾	Fund	6% 1993	88¾	..	6.91	9.602
97¾	88¾	Treas	8¾% 1993	94¾	●+⅛	8.7	10.146
105¾	93¾	Treas	10% 1993	100	+⅛	10.0	10.083
115¾	100	Treas	12½% 1993	108¾	+⅛	11.5	10.186
121¾	107¾	Treas	13¾% 1993	113¾	..	..	10.213

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. Gross yield	Red. Yld
101¾	87¾	Treas	8¾% 1994	94¾	●+⅛	9.0	10.137
94¾	88¾	Treas	8¾% 1994 a	92	● ..	..	..
101¾	87¾	Treas	9% 1994	94¾	●+⅛	9.0	10.137
105¾	95¾	Treas	10% 1994	100¾	+⅛	10.0	10.036
118¾	101¾	Exch	12½% 1994	109¾	+⅛	11.4	10.258
120¾	105	Exch	13½% 1994	113¾	+⅛	11.9	10.274
125¾	108¾	Treas	14½% 1994	117¾	●+⅛	12.3	10.143
80¾	77	Gas	3% 1990-95	77¾	..	3.82	7.378
108¾	92¾	Exch	10¼% 1995	101¾	+⅛	10.1	10.097
114¾	99¾	Treas	12% 1995	108¾	+⅛	11.1	10.282
120¾	107¾	Treas	12¾% 1995	113¾	+⅛	11.3	10.089
101¾	92¾	Treas	9% 1992-96	96¾	+⅛	9.3	9.739
105¾	95¾	Conv	10% 1996	100¾	+⅛	9.9	9.936
123¾	110¾	Exch	13¼% 1996	116¾	+⅛	11.3	10.045
128¾	108¾	Treas	14% 1996	119	+⅛	11.8	10.241
133¾	117¾	Treas	15¼% 1996	126¾	+25	12.1	10.134
93¾	85¾	Treas	8¾% 1997	94¾	●+⅛	9.2	9.740
108¾	95¾	Exch	10½% 1997	103¾	●+⅛	10.1	9.939
124¾	107¾	Treas	13¼% 1997	117¾	+⅛	11.2	10.041
134¾	118¾	Exch	15% 1997	127¾	+⅛	11.7	10.186
134¾	118¾	Exch	15% 1997	127¾	+⅛	11.7	10.185
87¾	78¾	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	84	+⅛	8.0	9.480
104	91¾	Treas	9½% 1998	99¾	+⅛	9.8	9.881
118¾	107	Exch	12% 1998	113¾	+⅛	10.8	9.930
140¾	124¾	Treas	15½% 1998	133¾	+⅛	11.6	10.083
103¾	92	Treas	9½% 1999	99¾	+⅛	9.5	9.583
107¾	98	Conv	10¼% 1999	103¾	+⅛	9.9	9.818
103¾	98¾	Treas	10½% 1999	104¾	+33	10.0	9.827
120¾	109	Exch	12¼% 1999	115	+⅛	10.8	9.848
100¾	88¾	Treas	8¾% 2000	93¾	●+⅛	9.1	9.566
99¾	91¾	Conv	9% 2000	96¾	●+⅛	9.3	9.602
128¾	111¾	Treas	13% 2000	121¾	+⅛	10.7	9.966
104¾	93¾	Conv	9¾% 2001	101¾	●+⅛	9.6	9.648
108¾	98¾	Treas	10% 2001	102¾	●+⅛	9.7	9.688
129¾	116¾	Treas	14% 1998-01	123¾	+⅛	11.3	10.121
99¾	91¾	Exch	9% 2002	96¾	+⅛	9.3	9.481
105¾	96	Treas	9¾% 2002	102	●+⅛	9.6	9.567
107	94¾	Conv	10% 2002	103¾	+⅛	9.6	9.576
118¾	103¾	Exch	12% 1999-02	113¾	+⅛	10.6	9.983
109	100¾	Treas	10% 2003	104¾	+⅛	9.6	9.475
131¾	115¾	Treas	13¾% 2000-03	125¾	..	..	10.026

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. Gross yield	Red. Yld
59¾	54¾	Fund	3½% 1999-04	58¾	+⅛	5.9	8.301
104¾	93¾	Conv	9½% 2004	102	+⅛	9.3	9.332
108	100¾	Treas	10% 2004	105¾	+⅛	9.5	9.365
117¾	108	Treas	11½% 2001-04	112¾	+⅛	10.2	9.816
104¾	93¾	Conv	9½% 2005	102¾	+⅛	9.3	9.299
113¾	105¾	Exch	10½% 2005	110¾	+⅛	9.5	9.297
127¾	116¾	Treas	12½% 2003-05	124¾	+⅛	10.1	9.510
82	82¾	Treas	8% 2002-06	90¾	+⅛	8.9	9.204
108¾	98¾	Conv	9¾% 2006	105	+⅛	9.3	9.242
97	88¾	Treas	8½% 2007	95¾	+⅛	8.9	9.092
121¾	108¾	Treas	11¾% 2003-07	117¾	+⅛	10.0	9.521
101¾	91¾	Treas	9% 2008	100¾	+⅛	9.0	9.045
137¾	127¾	Treas	13½% 2004-08	133¾	+⅛	10.1	9.405
92¾	85	Treas	8% 2009	91¾	+⅛	8.8	8.973
101¾	92¾	Conv	9% 2011	101¾	+⅛	8.9	8.935
68¾	62¾	Treas	5½% 2008-12	68	+⅛	8.0	8.695
88¾	82¾	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	89¾	●+⅛	8.7	8.857
131¾	121¾	Exch	12% 2013-17	130¾	+⅛	9.2	8.958

UNDATED

High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. Gross yield	Red. Yld
28¾	26¾	Consols	2½%	28¾	..	9.0	—
44¾	41	Consols	4%	44¾	● ..	8.9	—
63	48¾	Conv	3½%	63	..	5.6	—
28¾	26	Treas	2½%	28¾	..	9.1	—
33¾	30¾	Treas	3%	33¾	..	9.1	—
40¾	37¾	War Ln	3½%	40	+⅛	8.8	—

INDEX-LINKED

High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge
125¾	117¾	Treas IL	2% 1990	126¾	
105¾	98	Treas IL	2% 1992	104¾	
98¾	92¾	Treas IL	2% 1994	98¾	+⅛
142	127¾	Treas IL	2% 1996	140¾	+⅛
121¾	108¾	Treas IL	2½% 2001	120¾	+⅛
118¾	101¾	Treas IL	2½% 2003	118	+⅛
120¾	110	Treas IL	2% 2006	120¾	+⅛
113¾	111¾	Treas IL	2½% 2009	112¾	+⅛
118	98¾	Treas IL	2½% 2011	117¾	●+⅛
97¾	82¾	Treas IL	2½% 2013	97¾	●+⅛
105¾	88¾	Treas IL	2½% 2016	105¾	●+⅛
103¾	87¾	Treas IL	2½% 2020	103¾	+⅛
87¾	73	Treas IL	2½% 2024	87¾	+⅛

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	188	Allied Irish	282	285	+8	5.3	2.1	13.9
247	155	Anglo Leasing	243	250	+3	2.7	3.5	33.3
90	64	Ansbacher (Henry)	76	80	..	..	..	..
273	124	Aus New Z	268	272	●+2	..	..	..
11¾	5¼	Bankamerica	11¾	..	+¾	..	..	..
274	184	Bank of Ireland	253	258	+6	..	..	..
18½	16	Bank Leumi Israel	16	19	..	..	..	..
350	346	Bank Leumi UK	340	360	..	16.8	4.8	11.5
99¾	63¾	Bank Of Scotland	96	100	+2	5.8	5.9	8.1
67	45	Bank Of Wales	60	67	..	3.7	5.8	8.2
465	302	Barclays (aa)	453	466	+28	27.9	6.0	22.9
38	25	Beneficial	25	29	..	2.2	7.9	18.0
435	330	Brown Shipley	335	342	..	14.0	4.1	12.7
77	45	Bus Mortgage	57	67	..	..	..	..
394	318	Cater Allen	350	380	..	30.0	8.5	12.2
71	54	Castles	61	63	+3	3.7	6.0	11.6
270	175	Chancery	215	222	-5	8.9	4.1	12.9
18½	11¾	Chase Manhattan	17¾	..	●+¾	..	..	..
19¾	9¾	Citicorp	101¾	..	●+¾	..	..	..
200	162	Clive Bros	190	200	..	6.7	3.4	18.3
81¾	66¾	Commerzbank	76¾	..	+¾	..	..	..
180¾	114¾	Deutsche Bank	164¾	..	-¾	..	..	..
18	24	Equity & Gen	31	34	+1	1.9	5.8	9.9
270	194	First Nat Finance	255	260	●+5	15.3	5.9	7.3
74	40	GPG	40	42	● ..	2.3	5.6	8.9
340	255	Gerrard Nat	285	290	+4	24.0	8.3	15.7
134	90	Guinness Mahon	127	130	●+1	1.6	1.2	18.3
265	204	Hambros	248	252	+3	12.4	5.0	10.2
52	42	HK Shanghai	48	51	+1	3.3	6.6	..
510	413	Joseph (Leopold)	465	485	+5	19.6	4.1	19.7
158	130¾	King & Shaxson	135	140	+2	12.3	8.9	13.9
407	287	Kleinwort Benson	312	317	+5	18.7	5.9	7.6
355	239	Lloyds (aa)	353	358	+11	18.8	5.3	..
57	40	Lon Scot Bk	41	44	..	2.7	6.3	11.2
460	370	Midland (aa)	458	461	+9	28.0	6.1	..
354	236	Morgan Grenfell	295	298	-1	14.5	4.9	27.8
331	146	Nat Aust Bk	317	321	+4	..	..	..
605	509	Nat West (aa)	570	573	+3	33.7	5.9	10.0
363	307	Provident	338	342	+6	23.3	6.5	8.5
111	30	Rea Bros	83	88	+1	0.3	0.5	..
180	94	Rothschild (J) Hld	166	170	+2	10.7	6.4	8.7
387	287	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	385	388	●+5	29.0	6.2	5.8
10	850	Schroders	845	895	-5	22.0	2.5	11.9
550	372	Stand Chart (aa)	548	552	+20	46.7	8.5	..
121½	98	TSB (aa)	121	122	+6½	7.0	5.8	8.6
385	470	Union Disc	485	495	..	38.4	7.8	11.1
355	270	Wintrust	315	330	+17	15.6	4.8	8.5
133	95	Do 8% 'A'	108	111	+3	8.0	7.3	..
40¾	23	Wells Fargo	39¾	..	+¾	..	..	..
458	440	Wintrust	445	465	..	9.3	2.0	18.8

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
490	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	473	476	●+4	18.2	3.8	14.2
895	734	Bass (aa)	893	897	●+19	31.3	3.5	12.1
66	44	Belhaven	48	50	+1	1.0	2.0	19.1
185	127	Boddington	183	187	+8	5.4	2.9	19.1
195	130	Bulmer (H P)	150	157	●+1	8.8	5.7	10.3
195	120	Burtonwood Brew	190	195	●+1	4.3	2.2	23.8
420	332	Clark (Matthew)	415	425	+5	16.0	3.8	11.6
371	265	Devenish (JA)	297	304	●+8	4.7	1.6	13.2
520	494	Grand Met (aa)	499	501	r +6	20.0	4.0	10.4
385	178	Greenall Whitley	302	307	●+15	9.7	3.2	13.7
535	433	Greene King	532	538	●+11	10.4	1.9	23.7
378	271	Guinness (aa)	373	378	+10	12.9	3.4	12.4
845	690	Hardys & Hansons	835	855	●+5	31.3	3.7	14.9
151	78	Highland Dist	148	152	..	3.8	2.5	19.9
440	125	Irish Dist	365	375	-5	..	..	..
180	110	Marston Thompson	169	173	..	4.0	2.3	19.2
683	464	Morland	645	660	●+5	12.1	1.8	23.1
385	250	SA Breweries	305	320	..	..	..	..
420	206	Scot & New (aa)	412	414	●+7	12.7	3.1	20.3
780	479	Vaux Group	778	782	●+9	21.8	2.8	21.2
333	268	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	329	332	+2	14.7	4.4	12.3
10	324	Do 'B'	9½	10¼	..	14.7	1.5	37.2
484	298	Whitbread Inv	482	485	+2	12.6	2.6	51.4
450	351	Wolverhampton & D	438	446	●+9	9.3	2.1	16.3
530	345	Young 'A'	500	520	..	12.5	2.5	29.8

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	162	Abbey	168	178	●+6	..	..	..
400	315	Amec	367	380	+14	19.3	5.0	11.0
457	331	Anglia Sec	435	450	●+3	4.7	1.1	13.8
54	34	Anglo Utd	41	44	+1	1.3	3.0	20.6
208	90	Arncliffe	185	200	+3	5.3	2.7	12.2
316	247	Attwoods	342	345	●+6	9.3	2.7	19.1
310	213	BPB Ind (aa)	241	243	●+2½	12.3	5.1	8.3
320	240	Baggeridge Brick	315	325	●+7	6.7	2.1	12.9
107	53	Bailey (Ben) Constr	100	104	-1	2.9	2.8	8.1
216	154	Barratt Devs	185	187	+3	14.9	8.0	9.8
272	181	Bellway	230	235	+1	13.3	5.7	6.8
113	83	Belwarch	93	98	+1	5.0	5.2	7.8
384	175	Berkeley Gp	207	213	● ..	5.3	2.5	8.0
175	83	Bett Bros	120	130	● ..	5.1	4.1	20.1
400	270	Blockleys	285	335	..	9.7	3.1	16.8
482	408	Blue Circle (aa)	460	483	+14	21.3	4.4	11.4
443	318	Boot (Henry)	415	430	..	20.0	4.7	10.0
225	84	Breedon PLC	113	123	+5	4.6	3.9	31.6
170	110	Br Dredging	140	146	+3	6.9	4.8	31.2
157	94	Bryant	128	132	+2	5.7	4.4	8.2
166	112	CALA	124	129	..	3.7	2.9	8.9
155	110	CRH	151	155	..	..	..	..
163	104	Cakebread Robey	143	153	..	5.1	3.4	25.6
364	258	Caradon	362	365	●+10	12.0	3.3	13.6
140	73	Church Charles	83	87	● ..	5.3	6.2	6.3
438	195	Conder Grp	440	445	+5	8.7	2.0	15.0
225	112	Copson PLC	188	195	-2	4.0	2.1	23.9
338	258	Costain	334	337	+13	14.0	4.2	13.8
317	185	Countryside	260	270	..	4.2	1.6	7.5
231	155	Crest Nicholson	208	211	+5	8.3	4.0	10.6
126	73	Crosby James	113	118	+3	3.2	2.8	8.2
313	229	Douglas (RM)	290	293	●+5	6.6b	2.3	14.5
41	23	Edmond Hldgs	40	41	+½	1.5	3.7	18.1
111	78	Erith	97	102	+4	4.4	4.4	13.5
309	175	Federated Hsg	215	218	+2	7.7	3.5	7.8
98	73	Finlan Gp	82	85	●+2	6.3	7.5	12.0
76	60	Galliford	71	74	..	4.3	5.9	12.6
275	210	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	270	280	..	3.6	1.3	15.9
620	385	Gleeson (MJ)	610	630	+10	10.9	1.8	9.6
165	150	Hanson Ind	160	170	-3	9.1	5.5	7.8
128	91	Hewden-Stuart	121	123	+3	2.9	2.4	12.5
320	241	Heywood Williams	292	295	+1	13.3	4.5	10.7
380	291	Higgs & Hill	349	357	+10	13.3	3.8	11.0
90	67	How Gp	80	85	..	3.5	4.2	10.5
69	46	Howard Hldgs	45½	48½	..	1.7	3.6	7.9
202	130	Ibstock Johnsen	181	184	+10	6.0	3.3	11.8
183	86½	Jarvis (J) & Sons	140	145	r ..	1.0	0.7	..
356	270	Laing (J)	302	307	+6	10.7	3.5	9.0
179	106	Lawrence (Walter)	135	137	+5	7.3	5.4	8.6
60½	38	Lilley (FJC)	60	61	+3	..	..	70.3
260	195	Lovell (YJ)	235	240	+5	8.9	3.7	9.0
276	173	Magnet (aa)	269	273	●-5	9.7	3.6	16.1
174	147	Manders	193	198	+1	7.6	3.9	21.9
183	128	Marley	182	184	+9	7.3	4.0	13.1
283	223	Marshalls (Halifax)	242	247	+1	10.0	4.1	12.0
133	78	Maunders (J)	103	108	-1	4.2	4.0	8.8
308	282	McAlpine (Alfred)	345	353	+7	21.5	6.2	7.0
497	324	McCarthy & S	385	392	●+1	6.9	1.8	8.9
429	334	Meyer Int	416	418	●+5	14.8	3.5	11.1
240	56	Miller (Stanley)	162	167	-1	2.0	1.2	..
438	319	Mowlem (John)	395	398	+8	23.7	6.0	10.4
108	66	NSM	83	88	+5	..	..	..
19	10½	Newarthill	18½	19½	..	18.7	1.0	47.7
208	160	Newman Tonks	204	207	+1	11.3	5.5	13.0
184	109	Persimmon	162	167	+5	6.0	3.6	13.3
128	75	Phoenix Timber	88	92	..	3.5	3.9	11.2
10½	715	Pochins	10¼	10¼	..	25.3	2.4	10.2
194	128	Prowting	160	163	..	4.5	2.8	10.0
590	423	RMC Gp (aa)	567	580	+13	16.1	2.7	14.0
111	73	Raine Ind	93	95	+1	4.0	4.3	10.9
478	384	Redland (aa)	475	477	+15	17.1	3.6	11.1
165	111	Rugby Group	157	159	-1½	6.2	3.9	14.2
312	173	Sharpe & Fisher	290	300	..	5.31	1.8	19.7
137	111	Smart (J)	131	136	+1	7.7	5.7	12.3
375	278	Steetley	373	376	+10	13.3	3.5	13.3
275	206½	Tarmac (aa)	272	274	+8	10.3	3.8	12.0
350	88	Tay Homes	118	123	●+3	3.6	3.0	7.7
591	351	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	588	592	+12	14.7	2.5	21.8
403	223	Tilbury Group	355	365	+2	12.8	3.6	11.7
300	215	Travis Perkins	263	273	+8	8.0b	3.0	12.8
340	189	Tunnel B	305	315	+3	12.1	3.9	14.0
177	111	Vibroplant	174	179	+5	3.6	2.0	13.6
197	135	Ward Group	192	202	+2	6.1	3.1	15.8
181	92	Ward Hldgs	115	125	+2	3.2	2.7	7.7
350	261	Watts Blake	343	350	..	8.8	2.5	16.4
297	202	Westbury	245	252	..	8.6	3.6	10.2
282	151	Wiggins	225	229	●+4	10.0	4.4	10.3
260	143	Wilson Bowden	241	245	+3	6.5	2.7	13.5
205	142	Wilson (Connolly)	173	178	+1	3.3	1.9	13.4
311	219	Wimpey G (aa)	286	287	+5	10.3	3.6	12.0
129	66	YRM	92	100	..	4.0	4.2	9.3

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
144	108	Allied Colloids	128	130	●+3	3.1	2.4	14.5
677	441	Amersham	510	514	+4	13.7	2.7	16.5
159	118	BTP	138	145	● ..	8.6	6.1	15.0
99¾	79¾	Bayer DM50	93¾	..	+2¼	..	..	..
201	149	Blagden	178	182	+3	10.5	5.8	13.3
165	118	Brent Chems	134	136	+1	7.1b	5.3	12.3
243	169	Canning (W)	212	215	r +3	7.3	3.4	10.9
358	285	Coalite	337	341	●+6	13.4	4.0	10.8
358	282	Coates Bros	305	315	+16	10.5	3.4	10.1
213	168	Croda	202	204	+5	12.5	6.2	13.4
184	138	Ellis & Everard	169	172	●+1	7.6	4.4	12.5
34	21	European Colour	22½	24	..	1.2	5.1	25.5
205	152	Evode	203	207	+19	7.0	3.4	14.3
275	206	Foseco	270	273	+3	15.1	5.6	12.1
255	226	Halstead (James)	250	255	+3	11.0	4.3	9.2
246	133	Hickson	226	229	r +3	8.3	3.6	15.0
99¾	78¾	Hoechst DM50	94¾	..	+3¾	..	..	..
11¾	947	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	11¼	11¼	+¼	57.3	5.0	9.8
430	350	Laporte (aa)	417	419	+12	18.8	4.0	12.9
257	157	Leigh	236	240	-7	7.8	3.3	19.8
12¼	5¾	Norsk Hydro	12¼	..	+¼	..	..	..
183	131	Plysu	168	173	●+1	3.3	1.9	18.5
295	295	Radbrook Hldgs	270	320	..	5.8	2.0	26.3
248	173	Rentokil	244	247	+1	4.7	1.9	21.6
171	160	Scholl Spaldmann	138	143	+3	2.7	1.9	18.8
545	270	Wolstenholme Rink	422	447	..	16.3	3.7	13.8
289	213	Yorkshire Chem	283	286	+6	10.7	3.8	12.5
141	108	Yule Catto	118	123	..	4.5	3.7	13.8

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
403	314	Alexon	348	351	●+14	12.7	3.6	11.0
78	21	Amber Day	46	47	+2½	..	..	58.1
94	61	Aquascutum 'A'	73	78	..	4.0	5.3	13.9
136	91	Ashley (Laura)	108	111	+3	3.1	2.8	15.8
385	330	Austin Reed	365	380	..	11.3	3.0	20.8
171	118	Beattie (James) 'A'	157	161	+5	5.5	3.5	15.6
205	149	Bentalls	203	206	+7	4.3	2.1	30.4
24½	8½	Blacks Leis	12	12½	●-½	0.2	1.8	15.1
643	230	Body Shop	522	535	●+1	3.0	0.6	39.4
90	52	Bremner	51	56	+2	0.3	0.6	71.1
54	33	Brown & Jackson	38	39½	..	0.1	0.3	29.3
350	155	Brown (N)	195	205	+1	6.7	3.4	12.7
264	164	Burton (aa)	204	206	●+7	11.2	5.5	8.5
148	83	Campari 'A'	105	115	..	3.3	3.0	10.1
93	60	Cashet plc	83	87	+1	4.0	6.2	10.0
478	415	Church	428	448	..	15.3	3.5	13.7
287	131½	Coats Viyella (aa)	159	160	+5½	12.0	7.5	5.5
242	145	Courts Furnishers	167	175	+7	7.5	4.4	16.4
670	400	DAKS Simpson 'A'	585	615	+5	14.6	2.4	9.5
54	34	Dewhurst (J)	41	42	+1	1.3	3.1	9.2
217	124	Dixons Grp (aa)	180	181	●+8½	5.9	3.7	10.0
246	154	Dunhill	242	250	+2½	4.1	1.7	18.6
97	38	ERA Gp	56	60	+1	3.3	5.7	9.1
740	655	Elys (Wimbledon)	700	750	..	16.0	2.2	18.8
262	172	Empire Stores	214	217	+4	7.4	3.4	26.9
296	130½	Etam	163	166	+3	8.2	5.0	8.5
257	186	Fine Art Dev	216	219	+7	9.3	4.3	13.0
345	270	Forminster	315	335	..	11.1	3.4	9.3
76	50	Gent SR	60	62	+2	2.0	3.3	11.2
238	168	Goldberg (A)	192	195	●-1	7.5	3.9	17.1
17¼	15½	GUS	15¾	16½	..	39.3b	2.4	16.5
11½	913	Do 'A' (aa)	10½	10¾	+¼	39.3	3.7	10.8
46	29	Helene Plc	32	33½	+½	2.2	6.7	10.5
272	143	Hepp Robeson plc	144	147	-18	6.3	4.3	12.4
69	57	Hollas	59	61	●+1	4.0	6.7	11.0
212	145	House Of Lerose	172	182	+2	12.9	7.3	17.9
72	50	Leslie Wise Gp	65	68	+2	3.7	5.5	11.8
11¼	10¼	Liberty	11¼	11½	..	14.1	1.2	24.0
199	140	Marks Spencer (aa)	174	175	+1	7.0	4.0	14.4
388	279	Menzies (John)	318	328	+4	7.6	2.4	10.6
281	190	Moss Bros	215	230	..	3.9	1.7	27.2
298	123	Next (aa)	152	154	+10	9.9	6.5	7.4
565	340	Owen (O)	500	530	-10	17.2	3.3	17.6
135	78	Pentos	104	106	+6	1.9	1.8	11.9
256	156	Ratners Group	201	204	+8	7.2	3.5	9.5
98	59	S & U Stores	61	68	..	5.3	8.2	6.5
145	105	Sears (aa)	123	124	-½	6.3	5.1	13.1
337	204½	Smith (WH) 'A' (aa)	284	287	●+3	12.0	4.5	10.8
225	135	Sock Shop	147	157	●+2	2.7	1.8	27.3
150	92	Stead & Simpson 'A'	117	121	●+1	6.5	5.5	16.5
290	182	Storehouse (aa)	190	192	●+3	11.7	6.1	10.4
182	130	T & S Stores	140	150	..	3.1	2.1	15.2
282	200	Tibbet & Britten	257	262	+12	6.5	2.5	21.6
151	72	Top Rank	83	90	-1	1.8	2.1	15.6
245	153	Time Products	225	228	+9	7.1	3.1	12.5
151	77	Underwoods	148	154	..	3.3	2.2	47.6
181	67	Vant	65	69	..	..	..	11.4
341	188½	Ward White	256	259	+21	12.2	4.7	6.5
265	162	Wickes	215	225	+5	1.8	0.8	20.1
238	160	Wilding Office	195	205	..	5.2	2.6	16.7
307	220	Woolworth (aa)	277	279	+6	12.4	4.5	11.2

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
474	340	AB Elect	428	433	+18	20.0	4.7	9.7
111	78	ABS Kent	88	92	+1	4.0	4.4	23.0
173	87	Admiral Comp	127	132	..	3.0	2.3	16.2
145	88	Alba	123	128	..	5.8	4.6	11.6
321	188	Alphameric	155	165	● ..	4.7	2.9	7.7
234½	113	Amstrad (aa)	183	185	+10	7.9	1.0	9.6
126	60	Apricot Computers	74	78	+1	3.0	3.9	7.4
170	90	Arlen	86	102	●+3	4.1b	4.1	8.1
154	77	Audio Fidelity	123	130	-2	2.01	1.6	7.9
283	215	Auto Sec	252	255	+8	3.1	1.2	15.8
65	35	Beacon Bp	44	47	r ..	0.7	1.5	..
112	27	Bennett & Fountain	111	113	+2	5.3	4.7	10.4
449	302	BICC (aa)	440	445	+18	18.3	4.1	20.3
104	54	BSR	63	65	..	3.1	4.8	9.4
229	133	Blick	223	230	..	7.5	3.3	13.7
122	59	Borland	82	87	+2	..	..	..
193	145	Bowthorpe	189	192	+4	4.7b	2.5	14.8
218	151	Britannia Security	175	180	+8	3.0	1.7	13.0
283	193	Br Telecom (aa)	280	282	●+10	13.3	4.7	12.3
27	13	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	20	22	+1	0.3	1.4	12.1
419	312	Cable Wireless (aa)	418	420	●+10	9.6	2.3	21.1
282	193	Cambridge Elec	244	249	+1	11.7	4.8	12.2
87	32	Camlodge Instr	50	53	● ..	1.1	2.1	17.1
67	47	Chloride	56	60	..	2.7	4.8	27.4
243	161	Cray Elect	168	173	-1	4.4	2.6	17.7
183	132	Crystalate	140	145	● ..	8.0	5.8	10.4
180	50	DDT Group	90	100	● ..	1.6	1.7	25.3
126	75	Dale Elec	123	127	..	5.7	4.6	15.0
348	182	Domino	213	223	+3	4.3	2.0	18.9

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
330½	272	AB Food (aa)	330	331	●+11½	11.5	3.5	11.0
183	128	ASDA Group (aa)	148	150	+4	5.8	3.0	11.9
62	25	Alpine Group	37	40	+1	..	..	..
185	120	Appleton Hldgs	145	155	● ..	5.0	3.3	20.8
212	159	Argyll (aa)	192	194	+6	7.5	3.9	14.7
91	35	Ashley Group	73	75	-1	..	..	69.2
190	151	Assoc Fisheries	157	162	-1	8.7	4.2	18.0
220	167	Banks (Sidney C)	173	183	+1	9.3	5.2	7.8
743	543	Barr (AG)	655	670	..	17.3	2.6	17.6
473	196	Bassett Foods	465	475	● ..	10.6	2.3	24.4
111	88	Batleys	97	102	● ..	3.2	3.2	14.3
305	149	Bejam	180	183	+4	7.0	3.8	14.7
416	274	Berisford (S&W) (aa)	410	414	+10	20.7	5.0	11.6
432	346	Booker	430	433	+14	22.1	5.1	15.4
74	42	Borthwick	50	52	●+1	1.3	2.5	..
238	163	Brake Bros	213	218	..	3.9	1.8	19.1
153	110	Budgen	111	113	+2	5.3	4.7	11.1
420	221	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	367	370	-2	11.1	3.0	20.6
257	188	Carrs Milling	205	215	..	10.0	4.8	10.1
235	178	Clifford Foods 'A'	230	235	..	12.1	5.2	11.6
88	55	Colleens	53	56	-2	..	..	..
388	272	Dalgety (aa)	337	340	+5	20.0	5.9	12.8
117	68	Daniels S	73	78	..	4.3	5.7	15.9
62	39	England (J)	32	37	-1	..	..	..
131	78	FII Fyffes	120	125	+3	..	..	..
149	61	Fisher (A)	101	103	+8	3.0	2.9	15.4
292	244	Fitch Lovell	270	275	+5	16.0	5.9	13.0
212	144	Gateway Corp (aa)	176	177	●-2½	12.0	6.8	11.6
298	219	Geest	255	260	+3	5.8	2.2	20.7
260	208	Hazlewood Foods	227	231	+12	4.0	1.7	17.6
307	226	Hillsdown (aa)	253	264	+1½	6.7	2.5	12.8
198	135	Hunter Saphir	147	152	+5	5.4	3.6	13.2
373	280	Iceland Frozen	303	308	+3	8.1	2.0	17.7
380	300	Kwik Save	393	398	+5	10.4	2.6	18.9
115	82	Lees (John J)	105	115	r +2	2.7	2.5	18.1
270	122	Lovell (GF)	200	228	..	2.7	1.3	..
266	185	Low (Wm)	260	265	8 ..	7.6	2.9	14.9
88	63½	Matthews (Bernard)	82	84	+1	2.8	3.4	11.7
398	203	Meat Trade Supp	360	375	+8	4.9	1.3	..
288	222	Merrydown (W)	255	258	+7	2.7	1.1	15.4
265	230	Mmols (JN) (Vimto)	230	240	..	10.8	4.6	13.0
89¾	45	Normans	61½	63	●+1	2.8	4.5	17.8
314	249	Nurdin Foods (aa)	302	304	●+6	14.0	4.6	12.2
192	121	Nurdin & Peacock	180	192	+4	8.1	3.2	17.2
247	189	Park Foods	172	180	..	7.1	4.0	12.8
103	61	Pharmagen	58	63	-2	0.3	0.5	..
400	303	RHM (aa)	380	381	●-1	14.2	3.6	12.6
250	187	Sainsbury (J) (aa)	230	231	+8½	5.9	2.6	17.9
175	130	Salvesen (Chris)	153	158	●+3	5.7	3.7	15.0
244	185	Tate & Lyle	240	244	●+18	9.8	4.0	2.7
103	81	Tavener Rutledge	78	83	..	1.7	2.1	10.2
172	127	Tesco (aa)	157	158	+5½	4.0	2.5	15.3
142	125	Thorntons	136	139	..	2.8	2.0	19.0
386	253	Unigate (aa)	365	368	+5½	17.3	4.7	14.8
324	248	Utd Biscuits (aa)	316	318	+5	15.3	4.8	13.6
230	187	Watson & Philip	195	202	●+1	12.5	6.3	13.6

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
445	63	AC Hldgs	77	82	-1	1.1	1.4	15.6
268	192	Ainsworth	265	270	+5	1.7	0.6	..
106	43	Aitken Hume	58	63	+3	1.3e	2.1	91.0
87	68	Ass Hemnoes	80	84	+3	3.3	4.0	33.6
410	184	Authority Inv	215	225	●+5	9.0	4.1	11.4
195	130	Berkeley Govett	152	162	+6	..	..	..
303	197	Br Commonwlth (aa)	240	242	+5	11.3	4.7	10.2
138	79	Burns-Anderson	100	105	●+1	5.5	5.3	13.4
22	18¼	Camelia	17½	19	..	24.0	1.3	38.8
513	260	Candover	505	520	+5	12.7	2.5	71.7
190	75	Centreway	70	80	..	..	..	14.7
671	414	Cheshire Int	668	673	+8	18.7	2.8	14.8
110	83	Dominion Int	90	93	●-1	7.5	8.2	8.9
465	385	Harvey&Thompson	408	418	+3	16.0	3.9	14.6
103	64	IFICO	75	80	..	5.31	6.8	11.2
145	111	Ivory & Sime	130	135	●..	7.7	5.8	15.9
175	118	LIT	120	124	+2	10.0	8.2	13.2
270	194	Mayde	227	229	+6	8.7	3.8	34.3
160	103	Nat Home Loans	98	108	-2	9.4	9.1	9.3
75	53	Newmarket	61	64	+1	..	..	..
200	38	Parrish Plc	70	80	+2	..	..	..
93½	75	Pit Cap Prmrs	92	94	+5	1.2	1.3	..
185	85	Silvermines Plc	115	125	+3	..	..	..
92	52	Smart & Fried	68	70	+5	2.0	2.9	22.9
13½	915	Sotheby's	13½	13¾	+¾	..	..	..
157	105	Templeton Gbrth	153	156	+1	4.3	2.8	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
17¾	11½	American Express	101¾	..	● ..	.. f	..	..
109	64	Argyle	104	107	..	4.0	3.8	27.8
122	89	Britannia Arrow	120	133	+7	7.3	6.0	9.1
55½	26½	Daily Mail	54	57	●+1½	97.3	1.8	25.4
252	192½	Electra	251	253	●+6½	6.4	2.5	56.1
253	215	Fuel Gp	225	230	+2	10.7	4.7	18.2
190	128	GT Management	172	177	+2	6.7	3.8	8.8
136	112	Goode Durrant	113	117	..	4.3	3.7	7.8
805	620	Henderson Admin	700	730	+35	36.0	5.0	11.5
196	80	ICH	87	90	+11	10.0	11.2	8.4
111	81	MAI	92	94	+1	5.7	6.1	9.1
425	280	M&M	415	435	+33	16.7	3.9	10.9
400	259	M & G	308	314	+2	11.3	3.6	15.4
45	34	Rutland	39	41	+1	0.5	1.3	24.1
193	131	Smith New Court	145	152	●+13	6.4	4.3	12.8
166	116	Tyndall Hldgs	138	142	-1	7.3	5.2	13.6

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
271	188	Friendly Hotels	267	275	+5	3.5	1.2	17.8
495	322	Ladbroke (aa)	430	493	+12	18.7	4.0	18.8
38½	24	Norfolk Cap Gp	36½	37½	+½	0.6	1.6	29.4
171	108	Mount Charlotte	169	171	+3	2.7	1.6	21.2
115	82	Queens Moat	111	113	..	2.8	2.5	19.9
20	14	Resort Hotels	17	18½	..	0.3	1.7	13.2
11¾	733	Savoy Hotels 'A'	815	850	..	6.7	0.8	25.4
114	81	Stakis	107	108	+3	2.6	2.4	14.3
281	211	Trusthouse Ft (aa)	274	275	+5	11.2	4.1	12.5

INDUSTRIALS A-D

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
203	82	AAF Inv	195	205	..	7.2	3.8	12.7
323	248½	AAH	321	325	●+11	14.2	4.4	11.4
149	81	ADT (aa)	139	149	+6½	..	..	..
302	188	AIM	283	303	..	10.3	3.5	13.7
276	218	AMI Health	265	269	+1	8.8	3.3	21.1
71	44	APG	69	71	+3	2.3	3.3	18.7
142	106	APV	141	143	+8	5.9	4.2	15.3
213	153	ASW	210	212	+3	13.3	6.3	11.5
138	104	Aaronson	124	127	+2	7.4	5.9	12.0
185	133	Adwest	153	156	-1	7.8	5.0	18.7
114	77	Aerospace Eng	84	89	-1	3.6	4.0	15.6
185	142	Alexandra Wkswr	168	173	+2	4.6	2.7	17.1
350	210	Alumasc	255	265	+7	10.2	3.9	13.3
385	285	Anglian Ind	340	360	..	15.3	4.3	13.1
87½	34	Armour	84½	88	..	1.2	1.8	15.2
783	625	Ash & Lacey	770	789	+2	44.0	5.7	11.7
4¾	3¾	Ass Br Eng	4½	..	..	..	..	25.3
149	73	Aurora	148	151	..	4.6	3.0	24.0
98½	80	Austal	99½	100	..	4.6	4.6	16.0
383	276	Avis Europe	346	349	+1	12.3	3.5	15.4
749	580	Avon Rubber	648	659	●+6	19.7	3.0	16.1
247	80	Ayrshire Metal	242	252	..	11.3b	4.6	12.9

E - K

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
308	256	EIS	302	309	..	11.5	3.8	14.4
318	266½	Eastern Prod	287	292	..	13.3	4.6	7.8
20¼	9½	Eagle Trust	14	14¼	-¼	0.6	4.1	15.6
305	170	Edbro	293	303	●+3	12.7	4.3	12.2
58	45	Ekarl	55	60	..	2.3	4.0	25.4
219	114	Elaco	173	178	s ..	6.6	3.8	18.1
27¾	17½	Electrolux (AB) 'B'	27¾	..	+¾	..	..	..
99	78	Elliott (B)	97	100	..	4.5	4.5	16.7
28½	13½	Elswick	18	19	+¼	0.6	3.2	13.1
14¼	10¾	Emhart	14	..	..	..	..	..
531½	370	Eng China Clay (aa)	497	500	●+13	23.3	4.7	11.8
36	14½	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	34½	..	+¼	..	..	..
240	173	Erskine Hse	200	207	●+5	7.3	3.6	11.3
108	88	Eurocopy	102	105	..	1.6	1.5	16.7
594	232	Eurotunnel Units	587	592	+6	..	..	..
58	13	Eurotunnel Warrants	49	50½	+1	..	..	..
132	95½	Evered	127	128	+4	4.7	3.7	10.0
212	165	Expamet	183	190	+4	13.0	7.0	11.9
165	140	Farmy Group	153	166	+3	7.7	4.7	..
45	28	Feedex Agric Ind	28	31	..	2.0	6.7	9.4
184	151	Fenner (JH)	183	185	..	10.0	5.4	11.5
88	55	Fife Indmar	66	73	..	4.7	6.6	34.0
279	227	Fisons (aa)	277	278	+12½	5.8	2.1	16.3
146	68	Fitzwilton	110	115	..	..	..	..
146	100	Flexello C&W	124	129	●-1	6.5	5.1	20.2
125	40	Fobel	58	63	..	2.2	3.6	5.2
58	39	Folkes Group N/V	47	49	+1	2.1	4.4	9.7
100	58	French (Thomas)	82	87	-1	4.0	4.7	13.2
144	189	GEI Int	129	131	+5	8.1	6.2	15.1
348	280	GKN (aa)	347	349	+17	20.3	5.8	10.3

L - R

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
188	128	Lep	164	168	+8	5.5	3.3	33.3
275	188	Laird	238	242	+7	10.8	4.5	10.2
83	50	Lawtex	59	63	-2	1.3	2.1	..
170	76	Lee (Arthur)	180	185	●+1	5.7	3.5	12.9
186	109	Lilleshall	178	183	+1	3.3	1.8	23.3
141	116	Linread	132	137	+2	5.3	3.9	16.3
35	25	Locker (T)	28	31	●+2	1.9	6.3	11.8
285	193½	Lon Intl	216	219	+7	8.8	4.0	13.1
289	179	Low & Bonar	235	240	+4	8.5	3.6	17.0
288	172	MB Group (aa)	282	285	+1	11.3b	4.0	12.9
132	91½	ML Hldgs	106	108	●+1	3.2b	3.0	11.1
133	61	MS Int	123	125	●..	4.8	3.7	11.3
101	61	MY Holdings	96	100	..	2.0	2.0	19.8
341	266	Macarthy	262	267	●+2	13.3	5.8	11.0
202	155	Macfarlane	200	203	..	5.1	2.5	18.6
350	284	McKechnie	315	318	+7	17.7	5.6	10.9
148	101	McLeod Russel	128	131	+1	8.0	4.7	19.0
147	115	Magnolia	140	150	..	6.1	4.2	11.9
21	700	Manchester Ship	17¾	19½	..	..	..	23.3
269	184	Manganese Bronze	251	256	+1	8.0	3.1	11.3
182	115	Marling	190	194	+2	4.7	2.4	13.7
95	65	Maybom	66	72	..	4.6	6.9	8.5
118	85	Meggitt	96½	100½	+½	3.2	3.2	11.8
220	159	Metal Closures	195	200	..	10.1	5.1	25.7
93	67	Metalrax	85	89	+1	3.8	4.4	12.6
58	34	Michael Page	39	41	+1	0.7	1.8	..
36	17½	Mining & Ald	21	22½	r +½	..	..	..
251	212	Molins	220	224	..	12.8	5.8	9.9
250	162	Monotype	187	194	+2	7.1	3.7	9.0
275	215	Morgan Crucible	273	277	+16	13.7	5.0	12.5
157	95	MMC Group	130	137	..	3.5	2.6	13.3
165	95	Nash Ind	117	127	+1	4.0	3.3	10.1
82	38	Neepsend	54	57	+1	1.3	2.3	12.9
243	172	Neill (J)	210½	217½	+5	10.8	5.0	7.8
110	78	Nestor-BNA	105	109	-3	2.5	2.3	21.5
108	65	Noble & Lund	92	95	..	2.7	2.9	9.7
283	178	Robo Gp	235	245	●+2	7.6	3.2	14.3
431	280	Norcros	330	335	●+15	20.5	6.2	10.1
416	255	Nu-Swift	413	418	+1	18.7	4.5	14.6
182	105	Office Elect Mach	113	123	..	..	..	..
147	105	Optical & Med	134	144	-2	6.3	4.5	13.8
363	258	Parkfield	312	315	+4	10.7	3.4	18.3
142	85	Pentland Ind	84	87	+2	1.3	1.5	8.4
127	83	Pergamon	72	75	..	6.0	8.1	10.3
455	305	Photo-Me	400	430	..	4.0	1.0	21.3
251	187½	Pilkington (aa)	236	237	●+3½	11.8	4.9	8.7
151	112	Polypipe	133½	140½	+3	2.8	2.0	17.4
300	225	Portals	262	269	+10	12.5	4.7	11.9
97	61	Porter Chadburn	96	98	+1	1.9	2.0	23.0
431	320	Powell Duffryn	387	391	+6	25.7	6.6	13.7
132	82	Powerscreen	103	108	+1	4.9	4.7	9.2
158	112	Prestwich Hldgs	115	118	+1	1.7	1.5	12.5
285	215	Proudfoot Alexander	240	241	+6½	5.3	2.2	18.8
265	148	Radiant Metal	220	255	● ..	4.0	1.6	18.9
825	552	Rank Org (aa)	820	824	+30	30.7	3.7	18.9
406	250	Ransome Sims	403	408	+1	11.6	2.9	18.8
162	75	Ratcliffs (Gt Bridge)	155	165	+5	1.7	1.1	72.1
352	198	Rechem	350	353	+7	6.0	1.7	31.3
10¾	770	Reckitt Colman (aa)	10¼	10¼	+5	30.7	3.0	15.3
327	65	Reed Executive	120	130	● ..	2.8	2.2	8.9
255	185	Relyon	215	222	+2	7.1	3.3	13.3
233	142	Renishaw	192	197	s +1	3.5	1.8	13.0
80½	51	Renold	79½	81½	●+1	2.4	3.0	24.8
820	439	Reuters (aa)	818	819	+6	10.4	1.7	23.6
82	38	Rexmore	58	61	..	2.6	4.3	8.7
138	108	Ricardo Eng	135	140	..	4.3	3.1	33.3
300	98	Richard (Leics)	118	128	..	..	..	..
75	46	Richardson West	51	54	..	2.4	4.5	..
155	83	Robertson	109	113	+5	4.7	4.2	13.9
475	369	Robinson (Thomas)	433	438	+3	13.3b	3.1	10.8
77	55	Rockware	72	74	+1	2.8	3.8	11.2
142	105	Ropner	126	130	+3	9.3	7.3	31.8
142	102	Do 'A'	109	112	..	9.3	8.4	27.4
204	134	Rotork	148	152	..	9.5	6.3	12.2
80	55	Russell (A)	70	75	● ..	2.8	3.8	22.8

S - Z

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
88	23	SI	26	29	+2	..	..	..
40¾	21¼	SKF 'B'	40¾	..	-¾	..	..	..
234	190	Sale Tilney	215	228	..	14.8	6.4	21.1
58	38	Savile Gordon (J)	47	50	+3	2.2	4.5	13.8
270	206	Scapa	263	267	+3	10.6	4.0	10.8
203	150	Scot Heritable	163	167	-2	7.3b	4.4	14.8
270	142	Scott & Robertson	258	265	..	5.8	2.2	17.6
480	265	Securicor	470	480	..	1.8	0.3	67.7
450	210	Do 'A'	432	442	-2	1.8	0.4	61.8
272	163	Securiguard	200	207	-2	7.3	3.6	15.7
432	205	Security Serv	427	437	+2	3.1	0.7	45.0
65	47	Senior Eng	62	63½	+1	3.1	4.9	13.5
149	75	Shiloh	82	86	+1	4.8	5.7	5.3
153	102	Siebe	130	139	● ..	9.3	7.0	8.2
450	360	Siebe (aa)	446	450	+13	12.8	2.8	10.3
165	113	Silentnight	155	160	+2	7.7	4.9	14.4
319	220	Simon Eng	316	320	+11	16.4	5.2	13.4
248	225	Sinclair (Wm)	240	250	+3	5.7	2.3	44.2
124	101	Six Hundred	118	121	+2	7.9	6.6	10.6
438	343	Smackley	410	420	+2	26.0	6.3	15.8
151	108½	Smith & Nephew (aa)	132	133	+3	4.7	3.5	17.1
308	220	Smiths Ind (aa)	304	306	+12	10.0	3.3	14.5
259	210	Spear (JW)	245	255	..	8.0	3.2	37.1
221	168	Spirax-Sarco	210	213	+3	9.2	4.3	13.8
21¾	8¾	Spong Hldgs	13	13½	+¼	0.5	3.8	10.8
221	157	Spong Ram	197	204	+4	0.8	0.4	17.2
155	138	Stag Furniture	142	147	..	8.0	6.2	13.1
150	118	Star Comp	136	140	..	2.0	1.5	16.6
192	140	Staveley	188	192	+3	7.9	4.1	13.0
170	145	Sterling Ind	160	170	●+4	4.7	2.8	32.2
71	32	Stonehill	65	70	+3	..	..	..
16	10¾	Stormgard	15	16	..	..●	..	..
81	37	Sumner Int	56	60	+6	..	..	..
249	189	Suter	210	214	+6	7.3	3.4	17.3
149	112	Swire Pacific 'A'	146	150	+2	..	..	..
48	25	Sycamore	38	43	+1	..	..	..
330	250	Sytone	300	320	● ..	15.3	4.9	11.9
198	155	T & N (aa)	195	197	+5	11.8	6.0	9.2
417	288	TI	415	417	+8	15.0	2.6	14.8
185	139	TNT	177	181	-1	..	..	..
218	139	Tace	183	186	+5	14.7	7.7	11.3
132¾	99¼	Takeda Chem	114¾	..	+1¾	..	..	..
33	17½	Talbex	23½	25	+1½	..	..	19.9
191	135	Tallos	182	188	+3	8.0	4.3	58.8
198	108	Tex Hldgs	162	172	●+2	10.3	6.2	11.6
350	265	Third Mile	260	270	..	4.5	1.7	21.1
106	50	Thomson T-Line	91	93	..	2.1	2.3	19.3
42	42	Tollgate Hldgs	42	..	..	..	..	..
269	184	Tomkins	224	227	+4	6.9	3.1	10.3
347½	283½	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	330	332	●+5	21.3	6.4	9.6
225	160	Transtechnica	180	200	..	12.6	6.6	15.9
257	205	Transport Dev	252	256	+5	12.3	4.8	13.7
128	81	Triefus	115	120	-1	8.0	5.1	22.4
204	148	Triplex Lloyd	186	192	●+11	6.7	3.5	11.8
415	310	Unitech	340	350	..	..	..	..
173	42	Unigroup	46	49	+1	..	..	..

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
348	226	Abbey Life (aa)	312	314	+6	18.0b	5.8	..
16	950	Alex & Alex	13	..	+¼	..	..	..
603½	350	Aliance Wets	521	..	-2½	..	..	..
20½	14¾	Am Gen	18¾	..	+½	..	..	..
185	124	Archer (AJ)	147	152	● ..	5.7	3.8	8.6
245	170	Bradstock	213	222	+1	9.0	4.1	12.3
392	314	Britannic	350	353	+8	19.7	5.4	..
407½	296	Com Union (aa)	390	392	+16½	22.7	5.8	14.8
225	105	FAI	122	132	+2	..	..	..
954	794	Gen Accident (aa)	924	927	+23	50.7	5.5	..
237	165	GRE (aa)	206	208	+8	11.6	5.6	..
456	364	Heath C E	437	442	+5	34.5	7.8	14.8
158	115	Hewmlin	133	140	..	..	..	..
183	134	Hogg Rob & Gill	149	152	+4	3.3	2.2	..
343	252	Legal & Gen (aa)	331	332	+8½	16.3	4.9	..
215	147	Lloyd Thompson	213	213	+5	8.7	3.2	15.8
309	238	London & Man	272	275	+3	12.3	4.5	..
210	112	Lon Utd Inv	125	130	+3	10.7	8.4	14.6
35	29¾	Marsh & McLen	103¼	..	●+¼	..	..	..
223	125	PWS	127	130	..	14.0	10.9	5.4
547	375	Pearl (aa)	430	433	+15	18.0	4.2	..
179	142½	Prudential (aa)	173	175	+7½	8.6	5.5	..
485	398	Refuge	447	450	+3	25.0	5.6	23.9
439	356	Royal (aa)	428	431	+9	27.3	6.3	..
259	190	Sedgwick (aa)	258	260	+4	16.0	6.2	16.8
230	152	Steel Burrill	210	220	-2	13.3	6.2	13.5
354	215	Stenge Hldgs	250	260	..	13.3	5.2	13.0
10½	785	Sun Alliance (aa)	10¼	10½	+¼	48.0	4.4	..
12½	848	Sun Life	955	965	+22	48.4	4.8	..
618	355	Trade Indemnity	610	625	+10	8.1	1.3	28.4
278	202	Willis Faber (aa)	240	242	+5	15.3	6.3	12.6
75	43	Windsor	43	48	+1	..	..	..

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LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
230	150	Anglia TV 'A'	227	232	+2	10.3	4.5	9.6
340	175	Barr & WA 'A'	270	280	..	15.3	5.6	14.1
495	178	Boosey & Hawkes	415	465	+5	8.0	1.8	34.4
431	288	Brent Walker	355	358	+6	12.0	3.4	11.9
326	202	Campari	288	292	+28	9.3	3.2	8.2
833	181	Capital Radio	630	635	+13	13.3	2.1	17.0
335	165	Castle Comm	285	295	r -3	9.6	3.3	17.6
613	447	Central TV	605	615	..	30.7	5.0	11.1
148	100	Chrysalis	125	126	● ..	4.6	3.6	..
74	64	Euro Leisure	72	73½	+½	..	..	..
181	120	First Leisure	159	161	+2	3.9	2.4	21.2
55	43	Grampian	53	55	..	3.8	6.7	8.3
281	70	HTV Group	98	101	s ..	5.2	5.2	21.1
190	150	Horizon Brooks	180	180	..	..	..	45.3
79	49	Juliana's Hldgs	67	70	-2	2.9	4.2	14.5
194	122	LWT Hldgs	175	180	..	7.6	4.3	11.4
448	183	Landfast	383	388	+3	7.3	1.9	10.3
118	68	Leisure Inv	95	98	●+1	2.3	2.4	28.3
110	77	Lasermore Intl	80	85	..	..	..	24.6
218	138	Mecca Leisure	179	181	+1	4.8	2.7	14.7
127	79	Medminster	105	110	..	4.9	4.5	11.4
190½	128	Midsummer	190	191	●+6½	3.7	1.9	18.3
83	62	Owners Abroad	83	86	..	2.4	2.6	37.4
280	127	Quadrant Group	243	251	+10	4.3	1.7	22.2
610	480	Really Useful	570	580	+5	20.0	3.5	18.8
240	180	Saga Gp	228	231	+1	9.8	4.2	13.5
324	342	Scot TV	380	390	+1	28.0	6.0	7.4
282	187	Stanley Leisure	248	258	..	5.1	2.0	18.2
382	288	TVS	308	314	+1	17.7	5.7	8.3
74	61	TSW	68	70	..	4.2	6.1	7.9
417	302	Thames TV	385	387	..	18.1	4.7	10.4
135	95	Tottenham Hotspur	117	122	-1	6.7	5.6	15.0
179	129	TV-AM	154	158	+2	6.7	4.3	16.3
379	254	Tyne Tees TV	375	382	+1	20.0	5.3	9.8
107	64	Ulster TV	103	107	..	6.3	6.0	7.9
155	77	Wembley	114	117	..	2.1	1.8	..
55	43	Westminster	49	52	+3	..	..	..
249	188	Yorkshire TV	242	250	+10	12.8	5.2	8.6
153	90	Zetters Gp	140	145	● ..	8.0	5.6	12.9

MINING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
48¾	38	Am Gold	39	40	..	..	..	..
7½	5¾	Ang Amer Coal	6¾	7½	..	.. b	..	..
10¼	745	Ang Am	10	10¼	..	..	..	..
308	185	Blyvoors	175	205	-1	..	..	..
82	31	Bracken	22	42	..	..	..	..
10¾	578	Buffels	785	835	+5	..	..	..
145	40	Butte	45½	50½	+3	..	..	..
458	287	CRA	433	438	+1	..	..	..
14	873	Cons Goldfields (aa)	12¾	13	..	42.7	3.3	27.9
714	562	De Beers	695	705	..	..	..	..
207	108	Deelkraal	145	165	+8	..	..	..
1¾	87	Doornfontein	45	95	..	..	..	..
6¾	453	Driefontein	490	520	-10	..	..	..
100	65	DRX	78	..	..	..	..	..
3¼	143	Durban	120	170	..	..	..	..
340	185	E Daggs	208	228	..	..	..	..
338	182	Elandsrand	265	285	..	..	..	..
119	48	Elsburg	47	67	..	..	..	..
294	182	E Rand Gold	182	182	..	..	..	..
3¾	222	E Rand Prop	240	260	..	..	..	..
6	387	FS Cons	420	450	-10	..	..	..
204	110	FS Dev	130	145	..	..	..	..
10¾	883	GFSA	955	995	..	..	..	..
130	68	Geevor Tin	73	78	..	..	..	..
10¾	744	Gen Mining	10	10½	..	..	..	..
88	40	GM Kalgoorli	52	56	-3	..	..	..
253	83	Greenbush Res	83	87	+2	..	..	28.5
112	55	Grootvlei	..	..	..	..	..	..
4¾	310	Harmony	325	345	+11	..	..	..
421	288	Hartlies	340	360	..	..	..	..
6½	433	Kinross	465	485	..	..	..	..
6¾	438	Kloof	475	495	s -10	..	..	..
74	34	Leslie	26	48	..	..	..	..
1¾	77	Libanon	110	110	s ..	..	..	..
213	82	Loraine	90	110	..	..	..	..
108	79	MIM	94	97	..	..	..	..
811	610	Minorco	695	725	-5	..	..	..
153	89	Nth Broken Hill	135	139	+3	..	..	..
29	10½	Nth Kalgurli	14½	15½	-½	..	..	..
15¾	9¾	Orange Free	10	10½	..	..	..	..
493	315	RTZ (aa)	490	495	+10	16.7	3.4	13.7
77½	8¼	Rand Mines Ltd	11½	12½	..	..	..	..
375	238	Rand Mines Prop	275	300	..	..	..	..
49¾	32¾	Randfontein	33½	36½	..	..	..	..
485	235	Renison	359	..	+1	..	..	..
7¾	3¾	Rustenburg	5¾	7¾	..	26.0	3.7	52.8
5¾	338	St Helena	400	430	..	..	..	..
22½	13¾	Southvaal	17¾	17¾	..	..	..	..
271	156	Stilfontein	173	185	-5	..	..	..
338	148	Unisel	180	200	..	..	..	..
52¾	33¾	Vaal Reefs	42½	43½	-¼	..	..	..
182	66	Venterspost	50	100	..	..	..	..
416	252	Welkom	260	280	..	..	..	..
186	80	Western Areas	80	100	..	..	..	..
22¾	14¾	Western Deep	15¾	16¼	-¼	..	..	..
315	180	Western Mining	269	273	+1	..	..	..
141	65	Wimn Creek	115	120	+5	..	..	..
10	675	Winkels	750	800	..	..	..	..
28	9¼	Zambia Copper	21	23	..	..	..	..
104	51	Zandpan	60	..	..	..	..	..

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
491	315	Appleyard	427	434	+6	18.7	4.3	10.9
171	116	Armstrong	144	147	-1	4.7	3.2	13.2
800	680	Bramall (CD)	550	650	..	6.1	1.0	23.6
521	323	Br Aerospace (aa)	508	510	+18	25.6	5.0	..
578	410	Caffyns	460	480	..	14.4	3.0	12.0
157	102½	Cowie (T)	130	133	+5	4.3	3.3	10.8
140	111	Dag Motors	115	121	+1	4.8	4.0	9.4
242½	165	Dowty	238	239	●+3½	9.9	4.2	12.4
496	195	ERF	410	425	●+18	20.0b	4.8	6.3
298	203	FR Group	235	239	+3	9.6	2.8	12.3
159	118	Ford Motor	145	..	●-1	..	..	..
253	164	General Motor	253	..	+1	..	..	..
140	97	Hartwell Plc	130	133	● ..	3.9	3.0	18.3
10¾	726	Honda Motor	948	..	+20	..	..	..
86	50	Jacks (Wm)	86	90	+1	2.4	2.7	17.7
350	235	Jaguar (aa)	305	308	+17	14.0	4.6	9.1
208	133	Jessups	157	167	r -1	8.3	5.1	8.0
133	100	Kwik-Fit	110	111	+½	2.8	2.5	15.1
148	95	Lancaster	125	132	+5	4.5	3.5	9.9
428	277	Lex	347	351	+6	16.8	4.8	10.6
182	120	Lookers	168	178	..	7.1	4.1	6.9
645	504	Lucas (aa)	607	610	+14	28.0	4.6	7.3
247	188	Perry Gp	210	213	+6	10.7	5.0	10.4
221	130	Plaxton	217	222	..	4.8	2.2	34.5
182	70	Quick Group	131	136	..	8.2	4.6	6.9
161¾	108	Rolls-Royce (aa)	159	160	+5½	7.5	4.7	8.5
50½	28	Tomoco	46	47	● ..	1.6	3.4	13.1
617	347	Western Motor	585	590	+5	6.7	1.1	10.1
130	75	Westland	124	127	● ..	4.7	3.7	7.3

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
183	65	Accord	70	80	+3	4.5	6.0	7.5
160	85	Arscene	143	148	+1	6.4	4.4	16.3
310	235	Barbour Index	230	240	● ..	8.0	3.4	14.0
438	385	Black (A&C)	425	435	..	16.3	3.8	13.9
282	210	Bristol	277	287	●+7	12.7	4.5	18.0
93	27½	Burlow	49	52	+1	0.6	1.2	19.7
886	525	Collins (Wm)	875	884	..	15.7	1.8	21.9
738	426	Collins (Wm) 'A'	727	733	..	15.7	2.2	18.2
234	176	EMAP	227	229	+7	6.0	2.6	19.1
573	338	Haynes Publishing	569	585	..	22.7	4.0	18.0
415	250	Home Counties	483	493	+3	11.7	2.9	12.0
143	94	Intl Bus Comms	138	142	+2	5.1	3.6	12.8
520	373	Independent	490	510	+10	..	..	..
740	485	Int Thomson	720	740	..	..	..	..
270	180	Maxwell Comm (aa)	282	285	+3	18.7	9.2	10.9
295	199	News International	235	240	+5	5.4	2.3	..
796	520	Pearson (aa)	715	723	+26	22.0	3.1	15.8
315	230	Portsmouth Sund	310	320	+40	7.4	2.3	14.7
471	332	Reed Int (aa)	406	410	+11	14.0	3.4	13.3
187	127	Trinity Intl	182	192	+4	7.2	3.9	15.4
455	363	Utd Newspapers (aa)	410	415	+13	26.0	6.3	11.5

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
84	46½	Aran Energy	63	64	+½	..	..	64.8
11	4½	Atlantic Resources	8½	9¼	+½	..	..	..
36	25	Aus Oil & Gas	31	..	-1	..	..	..
18	6	Awes Pet	7½	8½	..	..	..	..
5½	1¾	BOM Hldgs	2½	2¾	..	.. f	..	..
510	442	Br Borneo	500	520	..	32.0	6.3	15.8
193	154½	British Gas (aa)	174	176	●+3½	11.0	6.3	8.5
289	227	Br Petroleum (aa)	272	273	+4	17.3	6.3	10.8
169½	126½	Br Petroleum p/p	168	169	+4	17.3	10.3	6.7
592	430	Burmah (aa)	545	548	+24	23.3	4.3	13.5
409	240	Calor Gp	385	390	●+3	22.0	5.7	12.5
76	14	Capian Oil	18	20	..	..	..	..
201	138	Century	198	202	●+1	8.0	4.0	17.4
135½	86	Clyde Pet	120	122	+3½	1.3b	1.1	64.7
703	257	Enterprise (aa)	553	555	+4	13.3	2.4	32.7
154	68	Exp.Comp.Louisiana	110	115	+3	..	..	..
126	79	Gold Pet	101	103	+3½	1.3	1.3	41.1
133	100	Gt Western Res	117	122	+4	5.0	4.2	..
17¾	11½	Hamilton	101¾	..	..	.. f	..	..
200	160	Hunting P S	162	172	+4	12.0	7.2	10.7
25	12	KCA Drilling	15	17	..	..	..	4.2
78	28	Kelt Energy	43	45	+1	..	..	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
316	205	Antofagasta	302	307	+2	16.0	5.2	8.9
54	33	Boustead	52	54	+4	0.9	1.7	24.2
153	112	Chillington	136	143	r +3	10.3b	7.4	11.0
133	76	Finlay (James)	110	114	+1	5.5	4.9	..
696	545	Harrison Crosfld (aa)	693	698	+12	38.7b	5.6	19.5
249	156	Inchcape (aa)	241	243	+5	9.8	4.0	14.4
427	163	Lonrho (aa)	358	361	..	17.2	4.8	12.0
71	41	Ocean Wilson	40	45	-1	3.3	7.7	8.0
355	291	Paterson Zoch	323	328	+16	10.4	3.2	15.6
355	291	Do 'A'	323	328	+16	10.4	3.2	15.6
318	231	Polly Peck (aa)	311	315	●+20	9.6b	3.1	6.5
96	52	Sime Darby	93	98	+1	..	..	..
108	72	Tozer Kemsley	107	108½	+5	3.3	3.1	10.7

Oils, Gas (continued) / others

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
591	271	LASMO (aa)	491	493	+9	10.3	2.1	44.0
195	130	Do Units	156	170	..	31.9	19.6	..
20½	11	Maxiwest	19½	20¼	..	..	..	..
27	14½	New London	19¼	21	-½	..	..	..
67	31	Oil Search	33	36	..	..	..	..
69	41	Petrocon	55	62	..	..	..	..
2¼	1¼	Petroz	1	1½	..	..	..	..
86	46	Premier	81	82	+1½	..	..	39.6
373	221	Ranger	329	..	+2	..	..	..
67½	33½	Royal Dutch	33¾	..	+¼	..	..	..
369	315	Shell (aa)	365	367	s +5	21.3	5.8	11.7
390	163	Sakalene	370	390	..	13.3	3.5	12.2
175	91	Sovereign	162	165	+5	..	..	43.5
17	11	TR Energy	11½	13	..	..	..	..
8	1	Target	5	8	..	..	..	..
200	119	Triton Europe	163	167	..	..	..	43.9
317	169	Ultramar (aa)	306	309	+2	8.9	2.9	30.5
98	44	Woodside	93	97	..	..	..	..

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
265	202	Abbott Mead	245	250	..	6.3	2.5	13.8
44	26½	Addison Cons	30	32	-1	1.9	6.1	7.2
271	238	Assoc Paper	248	253	●+1	11.7	4.7	11.2
430	275	BPP	355	355	-5	9.9	2.6	22.4
181	99	Barlow (Charles)	101	106	..	4.4	4.2	11.3
228	181	Benrose	223	227	+2	14.0b	6.2	13.6
301	181	Bowe Massem	225	230	●+2	12.7b	5.6	11.6
244	142	Brammag	150	160	..	5.7	3.7	11.7
191	121	Buzzl (aa)	160	162	+3	7.1	4.4	14.4
784	546	Carlton Comm	780	787	+40	10.0	1.3	18.1
375	223	Chapman	340	360	..	9.9e	2.8	13.5
238	173	Cropper (James)	210	220	..	3.1	1.4	9.6
512	357	DRG	487	490	+10	15.1	3.1	18.2
118	65	Delyn Packaging	82	86	+1	1.6	1.9	16.3
306	243	Ferguson Ind	255	260	+3	13.8	5.3	11.5
289	198	FKB	278	288	● ..	6.7	2.4	15.9
385	288	Face-RS	335	345	+10	11.3	3.3	12.1
70	33	Gears Gross	43	48	..	..	..	..
279	227	Gold Greenless	275	280	●+2	9.2	3.3	12.8
243	153	Goodhead	200	205	-2	6.0	3.0	10.9
397	210	Henlerprint	215	225	+2	13.3	6.0	7.7
143	123	Johnston Press	140	145	+2	1.3	0.9	15.5
307	210	KLP	220	230	+8	7.1	3.2	12.0
98	44	Kelson	43	45	..	1.3	3.0	11.8
256	158	Lopex	220	225	+7	7.2	3.2	15.6
414	316	Lowe HS & B	363	365	-2	14.1	3.9	12.2
190	137	MIL Research	150	157	+14	5.3	3.4	11.9
298	174	More O'Ferrall	285	300	+2	10.4	3.5	14.7
176	121	Norton Opax	165	170	●-2	6.7	4.0	10.6
18¾	12¾	Ogilvy & Mather	173	..	+¼	..	..	..
190	128	Olive Hldgs	165	175	+5	..	..	..
117	85	Paragon Comms	102	107	+7	2.7	2.6	11.7
237	178	St Ives Gp	207	212	+5	4.0	1.9	14.4
451	308	Saatchi 10p (aa)	369	373	+8	21.3	5.7	7.7
510	410	Shandwick	480	485	+5	10.0	2.1	11.6
385	307	Smith David	327	330	+11	10.2	3.1	10.6
483	305	Smurfit (Jeff)	428	438	+23	..	..	..
219	135	UK Paper	215	218	+5	5.3	2.4	12.5
450	232	Usher Walker	397	412	-3	12.3	3.0	14.4
286	134	VPI Gp	179	182	●+8	4.7	2.6	9.9
271	176	WCRS	232	236	+7	5.3	2.3	12.5
643	403	WPP	640	645	+17	13.7	2.1	23.2
315	172	Wace	302	305	+7	4.3	1.4	27.3
214	177	Waddington (J)	198	200	+5	9.2	4.6	13.4
425	304	Watmough	395	405	+7	9.6	2.4	21.1
95	64	Waverley Cam	67	72	..	0.4	0.6	..
193	138	Yellowhammer	165½	170½	●+5	3.7	2.2	12.5

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
137	88	Allied Lon	136	138	+4	3.7	2.7	13.1
209	133	Arlington Secs	174	177	+6	6.1	3.5	12.7
185	108	Asda	168	173	+1	1.3	0.8	48.9
132	89	BHH Group	100	102	+3	1.7	1.7	18.7
286	185	Baker Harris	200	210	● ..	9.3	4.5	10.2
506	333	Bilton (P)	480	488	+7	19.0	3.9	26.8
750	585	Bradford	640	660	+5	18.0	2.8	15.0
239	168	Brixton	235	242	+5	6.7	2.8	16.1
394	247	Br Land (aa)	366	370	●+13	5.6	1.5	20.6
387	218	Brixton	391	394	+19	11.1	2.8	35.0
360	121	Card Gp	355	365	+10	5.3	1.5	26.7
423	318	Cap & Counties	355	365	..	12.3	3.4	21.9
480	325	Cardiff Prop	480	450	-3	2.7	0.6	..
843	553	Chesterfield	815	835	+12	20.0	2.4	28.6
191	145	Chrisie	187	194	+1	3.7	1.9	17.6
270	170	Citygrove	195	205	+2	6.7	3.4	10.2
265	85	Clarke Nickolls	200	210	+10	5.01	2.4	21.7
280	203	Clayform	250	257	+2	11.7	4.6	9.4
390	190	Conrells	245	255	+10	11.3	4.5	9.4
60	43	Control Secs	48½	49½	+2	1.0	2.0	10.8
360	280	Cussins	270	290	..	10.1	3.6	59.1
12	725	Daejan	10½	10½	..	25.3	2.4	12.0
37½	24½	Dares Estates	28¾	29	+¼	0.9	3.1	20.1
190	118	Debenham Tewson	155	162	●+13	7.3	4.6	12.6
131	72	De Morgan	97	102	+2	4.1	4.1	15.9
222	133	Dencora	190	200	..	4.0	2.1	12.1
640	518	Derwent Hldgs	625	645	-5	7.8	1.2	31.8
74	67	Dukeminster	70	72	..	1.5	2.1	..
241	143	Egerton Trust	190	195	-2	7.3	3.8	11.2
300	160	Estates & Agency	290	310	..	4.0	1.3	46.7
208	128	Estates Gen	192	197	+7	4.1	2.1	63.9
195	126	Evans Of Leeds	174	178	+2	7.5	4.3	14.2
78	51	Five Oaks	55	58	..	1.7	3.0	6.2
225	155	Fletcher King	165	185	..	12.1	6.4	11.5
465	275	Frogmore	464	467	+4	13.3	2.9	9.7
525	325	Grainger	435	450	●+3	5.6	1.3	21.7
402	265	Gr Portland	398	402	+8	11.1	2.8	37.1
472	298	Greycoat	469	472	●+4	5.3	1.1	41.3
10¼	8¼	Hallwood Gp	8¾	..	..	..	..	..
116	50	Hambro Countrywd	51	54	..	3.8	7.2	7.6
9¾	562½	Hammerson	867	877	+9	15.3	1.8	37.5
934	494	Do 'A' (aa)	798	802	+3	15.3	1.9	34.9
235	141½	Hanover Druce	170	185	..	6.0	3.4	15.7
750	575	Hardanger	630	670	..	30.0	4.6	10.0
370	188	Helical Bar	295	300	+3	5.1	1.7	13.7
180	142	Hemingway Son	145	150	..	2.0	1.4	18.0
77	38	Hong Kong Land	75	78	-3	..	..	..
456	340	Ivory Merch	420	424	●+1	11.3	2.7	27.4
320	125	Jermyn	320	..	..	2.2	0.7	..
188	68	Kalmek Prop	82	87	+3	5.0	5.9	6.0
553	318	Laing Prop	477	485	+8	12.7	2.6	18.1
610	450	Land Sec (aa)	598	602	+16	17.3	2.9	31.7
555	380	Local Lon	495	505	+2	11.3	2.3	15.5
180	109	Lon & Edin Tst	134	135	+3½	3.7	2.8	12.5
71	58	Do 6% Cv	98	100	+1	8.0	8.1	..
204	137	Lon & Metro	185	188	+7	6.9	4.1	10.5
55	34	Lon Securities	42	44	..	0.7	1.6	5.7
343	193	Lon Shop	336	340	..	9.5	2.8	24.5
600	434	MEPC (aa)	578	582	+18	19.3	3.3	26.4
303	155	McInerney	195	210	+2	..	..	..
205	150	McKay Secs	200	210	..	6.7b	3.3	25.5
92	60	Markheath	71	73	+1	5.3	7.4	12.8
92	47	Marler	87	90	+3	0.8	0.9	78.1
498	265	Merivale Moore	475	480	+5	9.3	1.9	10.5
140	90	Merlin Intl	122	127	+5	5.3	4.2	6.7
135	115	Moorfield Estates	118	123	..	4.2	3.5	10.6
191	126	Mountleigh	156	158	+2½	5.0	3.2	7.0
16	975	Mountview	14	14½	..	12.7	0.9	10.3
203	133	Muckow (A&J)	200	205	..	9.9	4.9	19.1
120	83	New Cavendish	102½	107½	-1	2.0	1.9	81.4
35	17	Oasory Est	19½	20	+¼	0.7	3.5	19.0
148	78	Parkdale	98	101	+6	3.2	3.2	..
145	98	Peimant Prop	107	112	+3	2.6	2.4	..
155	66	Power Corp	136	146	..	..	..	..
424	280	Priest Marians	412	420	+3	4.4	1.1	..
201	130	Prop Security	188	191	+4	4.7b	2.5	35.6
24	11	Raglan	13	14½	s +1	0.2	1.4	..
217	101	Regalian	130	133	+1	5.3	4.0	9.0
793	465	Rosehaugh	555	562	+2	2.1	0.4	10.2
365	180	Rush & Tompkins	360	370	+8	16.7	4.6	11.6
157	114	Scot Met	156	158	+2	6.8	4.3	25.3
193	118	Slough Est	175	180	●-1	1.3	0.7	6.9
91	52	Sheraton Secs	74	78	+6	4.3	5.7	12.1
145	56	Shield	59	64	+2	4.0	6.5	10.0
110	74	Sinclair Goldsmith	75	80	-2	4.0	5.1	9.4
348	233	Slough Estates (aa)	338	342	-8	10.4	3.1	22.5
190	142	Southend Prop	188	192	●+5	1.3	0.7	38.5
404	264½	Speyhawk	310	315	●+5	16.7	5.3	9.2
109	88	Town Centre	107	111	+1	2.0	1.8	35.7
255	127	Trafford Park	213	223	..	6.3	2.9	33.3
838	400	Uk Land	735	780	+10	14.7	2.0	4.7
74	39	Uniter Square	38	41	-1	0.7	1.8	14.8
270	183	Warner	232	242	+2	7.6	3.2	39.5
12	825	Warnford	17½	12	..	28.0	2.4	35.3
145	35	Warrington	122	130	+2	1.3	1.0	77.3
154	95	Waterglade	108	118	●+3	5.7	5.0	8.4
192	159	Wates	190	191	+1½	3.7	1.9	44.2
68½	48	Webb (Jos)	60	65	..	1.3	2.1	..
200	133	West & Country	183	193	●+3	12.0	6.4	7.4

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
598	434	Assoc Br Ports	510	515	+17	11.3	2.2	15.5
399	320	Caledonia	395	402	+15	10.7	2.7	45.7
189	135	Clarkson (H)	167	172	+2	7.3	4.3	16.8
151	71	Fisher (James)	128	133	+1	5.1	3.9	20.1
785	140	Graig	150	160	● ..	6.0	3.9	51.0
88	68	Jacobs (JI)	77	80	+1	5.6	7.1	..
534	283	Mersey Docks	529½	534½	+14	..	..	30.8
300	231	Ocean Transport	270	276	+8	14.3	5.2	10.7
620	501	P & O Dfd (aa)	614	617	+7	31.3	5.1	14.5
152	103	P & O 5.5%	102	107	..	7.3	7.0	..
355	208	Runciman (Walter)	333	338	+1	10.7	3.2	15.9
465	312	Tabeck	462	467	●+7	7.8	1.7	15.2
232	108	Turnbull Scott	225	235	●-2	7.2	3.1	17.7

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
95	60	Headlam Sims	63	70	+5	1.3	1.9	18.3
270	108	Lambert Howarth	118	128	-2	11.3	9.2	4.5
309	145	Pittard Garnar	195	205	..	7.9	4.0	10.3
285	208	Strong & Fisher	228	233	..	16.0	6.9	7.1
360	235	Stylo	245	285	+5	6.7	2.6	..

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
380	300	Allied Text	340	345	+10	12.8	3.7	16.4
283	225	Beale (John)	232	242	..	8.7	3.7	9.0
118	96	Beckman (A)	98	103	..	7.6	7.5	11.8
71	34	Bolton	65	66	..	..	..	..
211	180	Br Mohair	199	202	+3	10.0	5.0	8.7
96	55	Carab	70	75	-½	..	..	..
385	240	Courtaulds (aa)	302	303	+14	16.2	5.4	8.9
249	188	Dawson	221	223	+8	10.7	4.8	11.2
130	97	Drummond	99	102	●-1	4.1	4.1	6.3
184	108	Foster (John)	142	147	+2	6.7	4.6	9.4
211	165	Gaskell Broadloom	185	195	..	9.2	4.8	9.4
95	51	Hickey Pentecost	88	89	+1	1.3	1.5	20.3
226	128	Illingworth	137	141	..	6.0	4.3	10.3
270	170	Jerome (S)	232	237	+2	9.5	4.0	9.6
314	200	Lamont	249	252	+7	10.3	4.1	9.8
385	270	Leeds	265	275	-15	10.7	4.0	8.7
142	110	Lister	135	138	●-1	5.3	3.9	8.9
84	68	Lyles (S)	68	72	..	4.7	6.7	8.3
349	235	Mackay (Hugh)	230	240	-3	9.3	4.0	11.1
54	28	Mentor	30	33	r +1	..	..	..
210	154	Parkland 'A'	161	165	+2	7.9	4.8	8.8
78	53	Readicut	66	67	r +1½	3.9	5.9	8.7
171	132½	SEET	137	142	+5	7.1	5.1	14.3
128	97	Sirdar	107	110	+1	6.9	6.3	13.8
120	85	Smallshaw (R)	83	93	-2	4.0	4.5	7.7
75	40	Stoddard	45	48	..	3.1	6.6	6.5
212	128	Textured Jersey	127	132	-1	9.3	7.2	5.8
585	412	Tomkinsons	500½	515½	●+10	14.0	2.8	9.4
133½	52	Tootal	128½	130	-¼	6.1	4.7	11.8
53	0¾	West Trust	25	28	-1	.. f	..	..
250	193	Yorkyde	217	227	..	11.0	5.0	7.4

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
536	399	BAT (aa)	535	537	+17	24.0	4.5	11.0
150	120	PJ Carroll	122	132	● ..	..	..	..
486	365	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	475	478	..	14.0	2.9	10.4

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Gilt/Fixed	113.7	120.8e	-0.4	8.28
High Inc Equity	128.5	132.0e	-1.0	4.51
W'wide Bond	188.7	200.1c	-0.4	4.85
Amer Growth	152.7	162.4e	+0.3	1.34
Asian Pacific	75.07	80.29e	+0.75	1.28
Assets/Earns	147.9	157.3	+0.5	2.54
Capit Res	82.46	82.63	-0.18	4.84
Commo/Energy	95.13	101.8	-0.59	0.00
Euro Capit	77.06	81.97	+1.95	0.91
General	168.4	173.8c	-1.1	2.59
Japan	103.1	109.6	-0.4	0.00
UK Gth Inc	125.3	133.2	+0.3	2.00
Do Acc	188.6	198.5	+0.5	1.34
US Emerg Cos	47.27	50.28	+0.12	0.00
Income/Gth	273.8	281.2	-1.8	3.26
Masterfst Acc	75.67	80.94	-0.04	1.83
Amer Inc	45.89	48.80c	+0.06	5.84
Ethical	45.20	48.08	-0.25	2.60
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
American	41.66	44.21e	+0.04	1.25
Australian	22.81	24.33	+0.07	1.23
Euro	51.34	54.62c	+0.04	0.00
Extra Inc	40.27	42.74e	..	4.67
Invest	108.0	114.7	..	2.42
Do Acc	164.6	174.8	+0.1	2.42
Gt/Fxd Interest	21.78	23.15e	..	10.22
Global Inc	38.73	33.07	-0.24	4.86
Inc Growth	67.06	71.38e	-0.59	4.17
Jap & Genrl	176.3	186.5	-1.1	0.01
N Am Inc	25.66	27.47	..	4.03
Spec Sits	65.82	69.81	-0.68	1.16
UK Growth	33.63	35.70	..	2.71
World Gth	42.96	45.60	..	0.50
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
High Inc	308.8	328.3	+2.2	4.74
Equity Inc	174.9	186.2e	+1.2	4.53
High Yield	182.2	194.0	+1.2	5.06
Balanced	433.6	461.7	+3.4	3.37
Am Inc	29.07	30.95e	+0.27	4.26
World Ass Val	30.19	32.14	+0.15	0.68
Japan	158.0	165.7e	-0.3	0.01
Sec of Am	189.0	201.2	+2.1	0.87
Asset Value	343.4	365.7	+1.0	3.20
O'seas Earn	221.9	236.3e	+1.7	2.96
Recov	104.1	110.8	+0.6	2.54
UK Spec Sits	270.9	288.5	+1.4	2.97
Smlr Cos	165.9	176.6e	+0.7	2.00
Capit	259.3	276.1	+1.9	2.74
Am Spec Sit	64.93	69.14	+0.68	1.94
Intl	97.01	103.3e	+0.46	0.75
Growth/Inc	156.3	166.5	+1.0	3.49
Euro Gth	19.41	20.67	+0.07	1.21
Pacific	240.1	255.7e	+0.3	0.27
2nd Smlr Co	176.5	187.9	+0.5	2.19
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Capit	83.87	89.25c	-0.83	3.40
Euro Gth Inc	69.46	74.09	+0.46	0.85
Extra Inc	97.97	104.5	-0.29	4.99
General	177.4	189.2	-1.0	3.37
Gt/Fxd Income	53.05	54.69	+0.05	9.55
Inc Trust	419.0	446.8e	-2.5	4.13
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
Amer EVS	59.73	63.37	+0.38	2.10
Australia	69.40	73.58	+0.82	0.00
Convertible	47.52	50.42e	+0.34	7.00
East	84.95	90.82	+1.20	1.10
Equity Inc	71.22	75.66	+0.61	6.20
Europa	131.9	139.9	-0.5	0.40
Exmpt	53.82	61.04e	+1.17	2.80
Growth/Inc	80.07	84.95	+0.47	2.60
Do Acc	126.4	134.1	+0.8	2.60
Global Gth	62.92	66.75	+0.30	0.00
Jap Spec	156.7	167.1e	-0.3	0.00
Jap Sunrise	149.9	159.8	+0.7	0.00
1st Europe	127.0	134.7	+1.2	1.40
1st Jap	112.8	120.3	-0.1	0.40
1st N Am	45.66	48.46e	+0.29	1.20
1st Smlr Cos	90.10	95.59	+0.95	1.80
N Am Spec	43.38	46.02	+0.89	1.10
UK Growth	62.59	66.40	+0.19	2.40
Select Man Fd	48.42	51.37	+0.35	2.00
BROWN SHIPLEY				
Financial	149.2	158.6	+0.8	3.94
Smlr Cos Acc	296.8	315.3	+0.5	0.90
Do Inc	183.0	198.5	+0.4	1.29
High Inc	78.83	84.35	-0.21	5.70
Income	97.08	104.0	+0.24	5.34
Man Portf Inc	88.28	94.46c	-0.25	2.84
Do Acc	149.9	160.4c	-0.5	2.20
Nth Amer	50.13	53.68e	+0.08	0.35
Orient	107.7	115.2	+0.2	0.28
Exmpt	274.4	289.5	-0.1	2.78
Recov	65.11	69.69	-0.01	3.80
German	24.79	26.43	+0.23	1.80
Intl Recov	28.27	28.10	+0.08	0.90
Europe	16.38	17.53	+0.12	3.80
Conv Genrl	23.00	24.62e	-0.61	6.89
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
Emer Gth Inc	61.57	65.33e	+0.29	1.58
Do Acc	62.48	66.27e	+0.29	1.58
Fellowship Inc	62.05	65.82	+0.43	1.23
Genrl Inc 4	276.0	290.8	-0.3	2.84
Do Acc 4	457.4	483.7	-0.6	2.84
Inc Fund 3	148.8	157.9	-0.2	4.46
Do Acc 3	284.4	301.7	-0.3	4.46
Intl Inc 2	110.8	117.2	+0.4	1.54
Do Acc 2	150.1	158.8	+0.6	1.54
Smlr Inc 5	99.25	105.3e	+0.30	1.28
Do Acc	108.5	115.1	+0.3	1.28
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Sts Gt Fxd Int	52.79	53.53	..	1.36
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
Growth	36.42	38.75s	+0.27	2.64
Income	46.00	48.94s	+0.18	4.25
Far East	31.80	33.83s	-0.14	0.18
Nth Amer	28.34	30.15s	+0.15	0.69
Global	45.40	48.36	+0.03	0.70
European	46.43	49.39	+0.45	1.08
Japan	93.24	99.19	-0.79	0.01
Strategic Opp	52.66	56.26	-0.12	1.33
Do Acc	50.04	53.16	+0.19	5.04
Intl Currency	43.78	46.39	-0.05	6.00
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
Capit	428.0	454.6	+1.9	2.98
Euro S S	54.54	58.16e	+0.31	2.25
Far East S S	55.1	58.8e	+0.3	1.40
Gold Gen S S	58.50	63.49	-0.03	1.84
Income	385.9	390.5	+1.5	4.57
Intl Sp Sits	32.47	33.89	+0.25	2.80
Amer Index	108.7	111.8a	+1.7	1.79
N Amer	250.7	267.5	+2.8	2.13
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Portf	50.32	53.82	+0.27	3.60
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
Inv	447.2		..	5.16
Fixed Int	140.1		c ..	10.21
Deposit	100.0		..	12.26
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
Income	422.96		e ..	5.51
Acc	£13.4852		e ..	
Deposit	100.0		..	12.60
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS				
Man Resent	23.00	24.33	+0.17	..
SC Spec Sits	66.14	69.98	..	0.00
CIGNA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Euro Gth	56.64	60.68	+0.29	3.15
1992 Euro Spc	42.84	45.79	+0.35	1.64
Intl Inc	48.45	51.42e	-0.13	5.46
NAm Gth	44.30	47.09	+0.39	2.12
Pacific Gth	58.17	62.01	+0.32	2.36
UK Gth Acc	71.87	77.01	-0.32	3.16
Do Dist	68.14	73.21	-0.30	3.16
UK Income	59.45	63.64	-0.22	7.12
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Am Growth	19.51	20.76	+0.05	0.36
Atlas Gth	23.22	24.70	-0.02	0.29
Dragon Gth	26.20	27.87	+0.05	1.02
Equity Hi Inc	58.35	62.15	+0.08	4.72
Do Acc	61.41	64.30	+0.08	4.72
Euro Growth	27.87	29.65	-0.07	0.69
Genrl Equity	49.54	52.28	+0.05	2.70
G/F Intrst Gth	33.77	35.45	-0.05	7.84
Gt/Fxd Income	24.41	25.82e	-0.05	9.95
Intl Inc	22.51	23.95e	+0.01	5.14
Jap Growth	51.56	54.85	-0.37	0.00
Pacigres Gth	29.06	30.92	+0.03	2.28
Spec Sits	36.13	38.44	+0.03	2.02
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
UK/Gen Inc	57.08	60.72e	+0.59	2.52
Do Acc	60.17	64.01e	+0.59	2.52
Inc	57.82	61.52e	+0.54	3.51
Do Acc	62.10	66.08e	+0.58	3.51
W'wide Inc	46.37	49.59e	+0.42	0.28
Do Acc	47.23	50.51e	+0.43	0.28
Gamma Inc	36.45	38.86c	+0.36	1.17
Do Acc	36.82	38.95c	+0.36	1.17
Am Gth	52.43	55.78	+0.71	1.08
Euro Gth	57.96	61.66	-0.03	1.10
Far East	69.92	74.28	+0.15	0.00
Gilt/Fxd Int	47.72	50.44	+0.12	7.48
World Bond	47.72	50.50	+0.12	5.40
Private Inv Pt	48.07	52.16	+0.19	5.04
Profess Inv Pt	52.12	55.45	+0.40	3.14
Progres Inv Pt	52.12	55.45	+0.40	3.14
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Amer	108.7	116.2e	..	0.52
Canadian Gth	22.48	24.05	+0.06	0.39
Euro	106.7	114.1	+0.1	0.14
Gilt Trust	284.3	304.1c	+0.5	2.89
High Inc	334.9	358.2	+0.6	4.50
Intl Tech	113.3	121.2	+0.5	0.98
Investment	29.39	31.44e	+0.80	0.35
Japanese	262.6	280.9	-0.7	0.00
Man Int	30.42	32.54	-0.01	2.14
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Amer	59.54	63.26	..	1.59
Capit	133.8	142.2	..	1.41
Convertible	24.04	25.54e	..	7.54
Eurofund	24.83	26.34e	..	1.14
Growth/Inc	193.2	205.6c	..	3.85
High Dist	154.6	164.3	..	5.17
Intl	223.1	237.0	..	0.95
Pacific	25.34	27.99	..	1.07
Reserves	22.64	24.06	..	0.00
Smlr Jap Cos	42.87	45.57	..	0.00
Tokyo	216.3	229.4	..	0.00
Ex Am 2	115.5	118.7	..	1.90
Ex Jap 3	133.4	137.1	..	0.16
Ex Pacific 4	377.4	387.8	..	0.23
Ex Smlr Jap 4	258.7	263.8	..	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
UK Balan Inc	63.05	66.35e	-0.70	2.75
Do Acc	69.27	63.90e	-0.71	2.59
UK Gth Accum	120.7	128.4	-1.1	2.66
UK High Inc	96.07	102.2	-0.78	4.24
N Amer Acc	63.88	68.04	+0.07	1.03
Far East Acc	132.4	140.8	-0.3	0.55
Euro Acc	84.80	90.21	+0.15	1.15
UK Gilt/Fl Inc	59.06	60.58e	-0.20	8.84
Intl Sp S Acc	41.30	43.94	-0.11	1.54
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Endurance	122.6	130.4	..	2.35
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Eqtble Pelican	96.45	102.6	-0.29	3.95
High Inc	102.7	109.3	+0.32	5.08
Gt/Fxd Interest	50.63	54.08e	-0.01	7.71
T Of Inv Ts	96.13	102.2	+0.11	2.22
Spec Sits	105.5	112.3	+0.25	2.94
N Am	60.22	64.07	+0.21	1.23
Far East	131.5	139.9	-0.84	0.36
Intl Gth	61.23	65.14	+0.13	1.70
Euro	44.28	47.09	-0.18	1.49
EQUITY & LAW				
UK Gth Accum	189.0	201.1	..	3.66
Do Inc	153.9	163.8	..	3.66
Higher Inc Acc	350.8	373.2	..	4.85
Do Inc	259.3	275.9	..	4.85
Gilt/Fxd Acc	118.0	122.1	..	8.98
Do Inc	83.39	87.75	..	8.98
N Am Acc	114.0	121.3	..	0.27
Far East Acc	226.3	240.8	..	0.00
Euro Acc	160.5	170.8	..	0.00
Genrl	272.0	289.4	..	3.81
Br Excellence	42.32	45.03	..	3.23
Br Fdmtls Inc	50.59	53.82	..	6.26
Do Acc	52.21	55.55	..	6.26
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
US Smlr Cos	68.75	71.40	+0.72	0.58
UK Inc Fund	97.27	104.0	+1.28	5.17
Far East	94.34	100.8	-0.33	0.00
O'seas Income	62.23	66.50	+0.24	4.30
Fixed Interest	53.36	56.17	-0.05	9.86
Natrl Res	61.08	65.30	+0.15	1.90
Euro Income	69.64	74.44c	-0.10	3.06
Financials	47.28	50.57	+0.28	2.30
Intl Tech	101.5	108.7	+0.3	0.74
UK Growth	67.91	72.93e	+0.52	2.19
US Major	46.74	49.78	+0.49	0.77
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
Balan Gth Acc	67.36	71.65	..	1.28
Do Inc	65.20	69.38	..	1.28
High Yield Acc	29.93	31.85e	..	5.77
Do Inc	26.92	28.64e	..	5.77
Inc Gth Acc	56.54	60.16	..	4.81
Do Inc	47.27	50.29	..	4.81
Service Co Acc	66.68	70.94	..	1.33
Do Inc	64.60	68.64	..	1.33
Am Gth Acc	24.31	25.86c	-0.30	0.98
Do Inc	24.04	25.60c	-0.30	0.98
Euro Gth Acc	19.70	20.96	..	0.17
Do Inc	19.48	20.73	..	0.17
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
American	105.0	112.3	+0.2	0.82
Am Equity Inc	26.36	28.21c	+0.03	5.72
Am Spec Sits	55.07	58.91	+0.20	0.00
Australia	26.69	28.25	-0.02	1.07
European	74.20	78.86	+0.01	..
Euro Inc	22.82	24.27	-0.02	3.90
Global Conv	21.5	23.0e	..	5.54
Far East Inc	39.91	42.28	-0.07	3.49
Gt/Fxd Interest	23.34	23.57e	+0.08	8.77
Growth/Inc	122.4	131.3	+0.3	4.27
Jap Spec Sits	80.22	85.25e	-0.17	..
Japan	169.2	180.0	-0.6	..
Managed Intl	131.6	140.1	-0.5	0.13
Inc Plus	109.3	116.2	+0.8	5.03
Famous Name	42.95	46.08	+0.08	1.59
SE Asia	45.37	48.32	-0.04	0.87
Spec Sits	300.3	322.1	-0.4	0.63
East Opps	24.84	26.23	-0.04	0.00
Intl Bond	24.67	26.04e	-0.16	7.59
Recov	29.72	31.88	-0.06	2.15
Moneybuilder	28.09	28.92	+0.02	1.96
Euro Ops 1992	27.01	28.89	-0.05	0.00
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Am Smlr Cos	176.4	186.6	+0.2	..
Do Acc	180.3	190.7	+0.3	..
Am Trnd Inc	211.5	223.6	+0.4	..
Do Acc	219.4	232.1	+0.4	..
Capit Inc	262.6	277.8	+0.4	2.26
Do Acc	329.1	348.2	+0.5	2.26
Conv/Gilt Inc	106.9	113.1e	..	5.83
Do Acc	157.1	166.2e	..	5.83
Euro Inc	65.15	68.94	-0.19	0.79
Do Acc	65.70	69.52	-0.19	0.79
Extra Inc Inc	247.7	262.1e	+0.1	5.09
Do Acc	288.6	305.3e	+0.2	5.09
Financial Acc	48.16	50.98	..	0.97
Do Inc	47.76	50.52	+0.01	0.97
Inc Trust	167.4	177.1	+0.1	4.50
Do Acc	191.9	203.0	+0.1	4.50
Intl Gth	143.7	152.0	+0.5	..
Do Acc	159.6	168.8	+0.5	..
Jap & Gen Inc	135.8	143.7	-0.2	..
Do Acc	137.2	145.1	-0.1	..
Monthly Inc	129.2	136.7e	+0.5	4.83
PEP 87	61.54		e+0.01	3.60
PEP 88	63.9		-0.2	3.89
Recov	189.7	200.7e	+0.7	1.95
Do Acc	211.2	223.4e	+0.7	1.95
Smth Inc	58.91	62.30	+0.11	3.29
Do Acc	59.83	63.09	+0.12	3.29
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Equity Dist	250.8	265.8	+3.63	2.89
Do Acc	442.7	469.2	+6.40	2.89
Euro Gth Dist	66.74	70.81c	+0.57	0.51
Do Acc	67.13	71.23c	+0.58	0.51
Fixed Int Dist	115.1	121.9	-0.09	6.57
Do Acc	155.3	164.5	-0.12	6.57
Int Gth Dist	58.14	61.69e	+0.25	0.51
Do Acc	58.65	62.23e	+0.25	0.51
N Am Dist	117.1	124.2e	+1.83	1.14
Do Acc	120.8	128.2e	+1.85	1.14
Pac Basin Dist	196.8	208.9e	-0.17	0.23
Do Acc	197.2	209.2e	-0.17	0.23
Stwd Dist	238.5	252.8	+1.99	1.88
Do Acc	263.9	281.1	+2.11	1.88
Stwd Inc Dist	60.27	63.88c	+0.39	3.90
Do Acc	62.20	65.92c	+0.39	3.90
NAm Stwd Dist	55.25	58.62e	+0.61	0.76
Do Acc	56.41	59.85e	+0.64	0.76
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
Am Sp Sits	56.26	60.20	+0.50	0.49
UK Cap Inc	143.6	153.6c	-0.2	2.82
Do Acc	216.1	230.1c	-0.2	2.82
Do Spec Sits	58.14	62.92	-0.12	1.66
Inc Fund	108.6	116.2	-0.1	5.32
Intl	169.7	181.6	..	1.06
US/Genrl	43.55	46.58	+0.28	1.01
Jap & Genrl	324.6	347.2	-0.4	0.29
Far East/Gen	135.3	144.8	-0.3	0.89
Euro	278.5	297.9	-0.7	0.20
Germany	82.24	88.17	+0.06	2.05
Intl Inc	49.53	52.98	+0.13	6.59
W'wid Spec Sit	66.02	70.61	-0.33	3.57
Global Prp Inc	50.72	54.25	-0.02	3.00
Do Acc	50.72	54.25	-0.02	3.00
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Acc	74.30	79.63c	..	1.91
Do Dist	62.20	66.66c	..	1.91
Chelt UK Gth	27.03	28.67c	..	2.41
Man Exmpt	267.7	278.3e	..	1.66
Prsct Inv Inc	73.28	78.59	..	2.42
Do Acc	139.0	149.0	..	2.42
UK Sel Opps	94.63	101.4	..	1.00
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	61.11	65.36	..	5.77
Fxd Interest	28.69	30.69e	..	8.87
High Inc	31.99	34.21e	..	4.97
Income	105.1	112.4c	..	3.94
Intl Fxd Int	23.87	25.13e	..	7.32
UK Smlr Cos	106.9	114.7	..	1.57
International Trusts				
Commod Shrs	61.84	66.14	..	1.69
Frontier Mkts	27.04	28.91	..	0.42
Global	155.8	170.4	..	0.63
Do Dist	157.0	167.0	..	0.63
Gold Inc/Gth	73.46	78.56	..	4.07
Gold Shrs	14.10	15.12	..	2.17
Intl Sel Opps	108.8	116.1e	..	0.95
W'wide Recov	94.11	100.6	..	0.55
Overseas Trusts				
American	67.22	71.80	..	1.17
Am Sel Opp	27.81	29.83	..	0.00
Australian	14.64	15.62	..	2.75
European	50.51	53.77	..	0.67
Euro Sel Opp	66.31	70.53c	..	0.04
Far East	139.5	149.3	..	0.14
Hedged Am	32.84	34.97e	..	0.50
Hong Kong	35.48	37.78	..	2.30
Japan	144.4	153.5	..	0.00
Jap S/Opp	74.36	79.06	..	0.00
Pacific Gth	53.21	56.60	..	0.68
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Intl Gth	94.97	101.5e	-0.38	1.04
Amer Growth	81.50	86.88e	+0.45	0.30
Amer Inc	62.27	66.52	+0.18	3.97
Euro Growth	50.48	54.05s	+0.50	1.17
Gold/Mine	49.72	53.17	+0.18	0.65
Jap Growth	72.79	77.61s	-0.35	..
Pacific Inc	92.86	99.32e	+0.17	3.03
Pacific Strat	45.96	50.45s	+0.15	0.41
UK Prog Inc	71.79	76.80e	-0.75	4.69
UK Spec Opps	147.7	161.3c	+0.29	1.72
Gt Britain	39.99	42.77	-0.42	3.17
UK Smi Co	39.25	41.98s	+0.40	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Gt/Fxd Interest	115.9	120.4	..	8.26
Gth Equity	261.2	276.4	+3.7	2.46
Guardhill	352.8	375.9	+3.5	2.91
Inc Tst	102.7	108.5e	+1.8	4.17
Intl	116.0	122.7	-0.1	0.34
N Amer	124.8	132.0	+1.6	1.45
Pacific	291.8	309.5	-0.1	0.22
Prop Share	354.0	374.8e	+3.5	2.23
Smlr Cos	287.9	304.5	+3.1	1.88
Euro	272.2	288.0e	+1.1	1.04
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Global Gth	45.18	48.07	+0.24	0.80
High Inc	91.21	97.04e	+0.85	5.97
N Am	110.1	117.2	+0.9	0.58
Pacific Gth	46.50	49.47	+0.32	0.50
Recov	333.2	354.5	+2.5	2.08
St Vin Inc	110.4	113.8	+0.6	5.86
St Vin US Gth	49.06	51.11	+0.42	0.89
TB Sm Cos	253.3	265.7e	..	3.56
TBUSF	151.6	164.3	..	3.42
Euro Gth Tst	50.70	53.75	+0.28	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Amer Equity	54.58	57.90	-0.12	0.29
Canadian	45.55	48.11	+0.05	0.71
Equity Inc	107.5	114.1	-0.4	5.04
Euro	30.79	32.32	..	0.64
High Inc	82.24	87.48	-0.15	6.66
Intl Sits	49.09	53.10	-0.08	1.59
Jap & Far East	141.5	150.1	+0.5	0.01
N Am	57.59	61.10	+0.12	1.42
Recov/Asset	66.49	70.62c	-0.29	1.16
Scandinavian	88.02	93.58	+0.53	0.65
Smlr Cos	34.12	36.29e	..	1.49
UK New Genrn	40.25	42.81	-0.09	1.78
HENDERSON				
Am Recov	101.1	108.1	+0.3	0.00
Am Smlr Cos	40.75	43.78	+0.10	0.00
Australian	115.7	123.5	+0.8	1.38
Best of World	50.64	54.12c	-0.09	1.92
Capit Gth Inc	65.11	70.11	+0.15	2.21
Do Acc	76.04	84.03	+0.18	2.21
European	236.6	253.5	-0.4	0.78
Euro Inc	45.93	49.06c	-0.09	3.88
Euro Smlr Cos	88.04	94.32	+0.32	0.06
Extra Inc	237.4	255.4e	+0.2	4.26
Financial	174.3	192.4	+1.2	2.15
Fixed Interest	51.77	55.92e	+0.16	9.85
Gilt	39.28	41.60c	-0.04	11.24
Global H'care	79.79	85.68	-0.36	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	92.98	97.33	+0.02	4.80
Global Resrces	70.09	75.46e	+0.32	0.40
Global Tech	94.65	102.0	+0.19	0.02
Gold	27.78	29.58	+0.17	0.00
High Inc	249.9	270.1c	+0.6	3.95
Hong Kong	81.15	86.26	+0.27	0.00
Income/Gth Inc	188.6	203.2	+0.3	3.31
Do Acc	398.4	429.0	+0.6	3.31
Inc Assets	137.2	147.7	-0.2	3.95
Intl	161.0	172.0	+0.1	0.54
Jap Spec Sits	217.9	232.7	-1.2	0.00
Jap	212.8	227.1e	-0.7	0.00
Nth Amer	126.3	134.5e	+0.2	0.36
Pac Smlr Cos	94.13	101.2	-0.80	0.00
Pension Man	45.15	47.26	-0.03	3.08
Pref/Gilt	55.00	60.18e	+0.27	10.09
Recov	142.6	157.0	+0.1	2.18
Singap Malay	38.18	40.75e	+0.65	0.00
Smlr Cos Div	171.9	183.2e	+0.2	3.60
Spec Sits Inc	188.4	204.9	-0.1	1.39
Do Acc	271.5	295.3	-0.1	1.39
W'wide	481.9	520.8	..	2.69
Euro Exmpt	112.2	118.9	-0.5	0.66
Glo Tec Exmpt	84.92	87.57	-0.05	0.00
HI Inc Exmpt	170.5	179.2	+0.2	4.20
Jap Exmpt	209.7	218.1	-1.7	0.00
N Am Exmpt	84.96	87.89	+0.21	0.60
Pacific Exmpt	191.4	199.3	+0.9	2.45
Smlr Co Expt	169.6	181.1	+0.1	2.20
Cos of British	40.23	43.05	-0.12	3.25
Spirit Of Enter	40.69	43.80	-0.14	1.94
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
British	84.65	90.08e	+0.12	2.40
Capit	118.5	126.8e	..	2.48
Dollar	176.9	189.1	+0.2	0.95
Euro	127.8	136.3	+0.7	0.90
Far East	149.9	157.1e	+0.3	0.08
Financial	430.7	460.8	-2.2	3.05
G/F Interest Inc	26.52	27.65e	+0.04	8.44
High Yield	88.80	94.97	-0.02	4.71
Inc Trust	109.2	116.7	-0.1	3.44
Intl	137.8	147.4e	+0.1	1.54
Jap Tech	54.64	58.43e	-0.40	0.00
Natrl Resrces	49.43	52.86	+0.05	1.11
Security	234.5	250.7	+2.1	1.89
Smlr Cos	121.4	129.8	-2.2	0.97
Spec Sits	127.0	135.8	+1.4	2.13
US Smlr Cos	24.81	26.54	+0.29	0.94
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
Brit/Oseas	141.5	149.9	+1.7	1.96
Intl Plus	69.67	73.94	..	3.82
Cap Gth	68.58	72.67	..	4.26
Invest Trst	78.80	83.39	..	1.20
KEY FUND MANAGERS				
Equity/Gen	56.25	60.00	+0.66	2.63
Gt/Fxd Interest	69.45	73.88	+0.37	8.90
Higher Inc	139.7	148.4e	+0.3	6.02
Income	89.08	95.00	+0.71	3.97
Intl	62.05	66.25s	+0.45	1.09
Smlr Cos	56.58	60.35	+0.56	1.52
KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED				
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	49.13	52.28e	-0.57	6.08
Do Acc	51.13	54.39e	-0.59	6.08
Gilt Yield Inc	109.8	116.5e	-0.1	8.02
Do Acc	222.3	234.7	-0.1	8.02
Global Inc	169.3	185.2c	+0.8	4.29
Do Acc	282.3	300.8	-3.8	4.29
High Yield Inc	113.0	120.3e	-0.5	5.26
Do Acc	249.6	263.5	-2.2	5.25
Capital Growth Trusts				
Am Smlr Co	50.40	53.62e	+0.47	0.53
Do Acc	51.94	55.25e	+0.49	0.53
N Amer	44.48	47.28	+0.84	1.58
Do Acc	52.85	56.19	+1.00	1.58
Euro Inc	90.34	95.97e	+0.60	1.98
Do Acc	114.0	121.2	+0.8	1.98
Euro Spec Inc	66.16	70.31	+0.83	1.72
Do Acc	66.69	70.87	+0.63	1.72
FO Invest Trst	24.76	26.34	+0.25	2.64
Do Acc	32.88	34.98	+0.35	2.64
Genrl Inc	204.8	217.8e	-0.8	2.81
Do Acc	298.1	315.0e	-7.2	2.81
Intl Recov	120.8	128.5	+1.2	1.59
Do Acc	130.9	139.2	+1.4	1.59
Jap Inc	331.4	352.5	+2.3	0.00
Do Acc	335.1	356.4	+2.3	0.00
Jap Spec	155.0	164.8	+2.2	0.04
Do Acc	156.8	166.7	+2.3	0.04
Master Acc	158.8	168.7	+1.4	1.31
Pacific Inc	192.0	204.2	+0.8	0.63
Do Acc	218.7	232.7	+0.7	0.53
Smlr Cos Inc	110.9	118.0	+1.7	1.41
Do Acc	135.8	144.5	+2.1	1.41
UK Equity Gth	30.04	31.95c	+0.33	2.10
Do Acc	50.57	53.80	+0.56	2.10
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
European	41.58	44.23e	+0.36	0.00
Extra Inc	23.30	24.73e	-0.11	7.72
Far East	21.80	23.19	..	0.00
Income/Gth	62.05	66.02	+0.06	4.34
Intl Gth	38.54	41.00	-0.07	1.36
Japan	56.27	59.86e	+0.06	0.00
N Am Equity	24.56	26.12	-0.01	0.74
UK Equity	58.20	61.92	-0.31	2.30
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Equity Dist	306.0	325.5	..	3.38
Do Acc	506.8	539.1	..	3.38
Do Inc	76.00	82.06e	..	4.51
European	63.84	67.92c	..	0.57
Far East	136.8	186.9	..	0.01
Fixed Interest	45.97	48.90e	..	8.10
Gilt	83.82	88.49	..	7.82
Global Gth	52.58	55.94	..	0.32
Intl Bond	44.33	47.12	..	6.50
Japanese	77.06	81.98	..	0.01
O'seas Equity	88.39	94.36	..	0.86
Natrl Res	95.79	101.9	..	1.51
N Amer	77.94	82.91e	..	0.70
UK Recov	50.81	54.05	..	2.52
UK Spec Sits	86.80	95.53e	..	1.88
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Balanced	217.0	230.8	-1.74	3.11
Do Acc	411.6	438.0	-3.26	3.11
Cond Euro Gth	35.68	37.74	+0.37	0.26
Do Acc	36.21	38.40	+0.38	0.26
Energy Intl	58.56	62.30	-0.17	2.61
Do Acc	68.43	72.80	-0.20	2.61
Extra Inc	193.7	206.0	-2.17	5.06
Do Acc	385.8	410.5	-4.33	5.06
German Gth	58.12	61.62	+0.58	0.64
Do Acc	59.68	63.27	+0.59	0.64
Income	351.3	373.7	-2.85	4.18
Do Acc	752.4	800.4	-6.18	4.18
Intl Tech	187.2	199.1	+0.60	0.47
Do Acc	197.5	210.1	+0.63	0.47
Jap Growth	111.7	118.6	-0.93	0.01
Do Acc	112.1	119.1	-0.92	0.01
Mastertrust Inc	42.56	45.25	-0.09	1.29
Do Acc	43.35	46.09	-0.10	1.29
N Am & Gen	108.3	115.2e	+0.44	1.31
Do Acc	120.9	128.6	+0.50	1.31
NAm BC Rec	58.77	62.52	-0.68	0.01
Do Acc	58.88	62.65	-0.68	0.01
Pacific Basin	169.5	180.3c	-0.25	0.01
Do Acc	177.7	189.0c	-0.26	0.01
Smlr Cos/Rec	282.2	300.2	-1.16	2.03
Do Acc	328.9	349.9	-1.35	2.03
UK Gth Fund	59.87	63.69e	-0.27	2.68
Do Acc	62.47	66.46	-0.29	2.68
W'wide Growth	200.3	213.1	-0.43	0.77
Do Acc	285.5	303.8	-0.59	0.77
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Genrl	51.33	54.49	-0.39	3.30
Inc Trust	47.18	50.08	-0.32	5.20
Intl	36.62	38.88	+0.02	0.90
American	30.45	32.33e	+0.05	1.60
Japan	52.17	55.38	-0.21	0.00
Trst Of Invst	38.74	41.12	-0.06	1.90
M & G SECURITIES				
Am & Gen Inc	207.8	219.5c	+0.3	1.39
Do Acc	247.7	261.9c	+0.3	1.37
Am Recov	236.3	249.4	+1.4	0.90
Do Acc	262.6	277.7	+1.5	0.90
Am Sm Co Acc	47.3	50.4	+0.8	0.08
Australia Acc	130.0	137.5	+0.1	1.43
Commod Acc	305.6	323.2c	-0.4	1.89
Compound Gth	564.1	597.9	-1.1	3.27
Conversn Gth	491.5	518.8	-3.1	3.53
Do Inc	263.0	278.1	-1.7	3.60
Dividend Inc	£18.07	19.11	-0.11	4.95
Do Acc	291.9	308.1	-0.1	0.92
Euro Acc	325.4	344.1	-1.7	5.18
Extra Yield Inc	768.2	810.3	-3.9	5.18
Do Acc	162.8	172.2	+0.6	1.05
Far East Inc	203.2	214.9	+0.8	1.05
Do Acc	324.4	342.8	-1.1	2.51
Gt Inv Inc	533.8	565.8	-1.9	2.51
Do Acc	633.6	681.6e	-2.9	3.69
Genrl Income	£18.94	20.03e	-0.06	3.89
Do Acc	58.9	61.6	+0.2	9.41
Gt/Fxd Interest	108.2	111.5	+0.3	9.41
Do Acc	41.8	44.5e	-0.1	1.77
Gold Inc	45.9	48.9	..	1.77
Do Acc	429.3	454.0e	-2.2	5.45
High Inc Inc	£12.81	13.55	-0.06	5.45
Do Acc	843.8	882.3c	-1.3	1.32
Intl Gth Inc	£13.86	14.66c	-0.02	1.32
Do Acc	81.6	85.1	-0.1	5.23
Intl Inc	£11.34	11.99	-0.03	0.00
Jap Acc	120.0	126.9	-0.1	0.00
Jap Smlr Acc	949.4	1004.0	-3.3	4.07
Midland/Gen	£25.27	26.73	-0.08	4.07
Do Acc	580.0	613.3e	-1.5	4.09
Recov Inc	794.7	840.4	-2.1	4.09
Do Acc	951.3	1023.0e	-5.2	3.34
2nd Gen Inc	£20.28	21.58e	-0.10	3.34
Do Acc	£10.82	11.45	-0.02	2.97
Smlr Cos Inc	£17.73	18.75	-0.04	2.97
Do Acc				
MGM UNIT MANAGERS				
Trustee Inc	628.1	668.8	-2.7	3.92
Charitd Inc 3	107.4		c +0.3	10.78
Charitd Inc 2	538.6	542.0e	-2.7	5.78
Pension Ex 1	626.2	641.9	-1.0	4.62
NAACIF Inc 3	43.1		c ..	8.51
Do Acc 3	651.5		c ..	8.51
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Gth Gilt	65.38	66.87c	-0.07	4.38
Smlr Cos	31.11	33.08	+0.07	1.60
Spec Features	25.75	27.35e	-0.04	1.28
Do Acc	27.38	29.03s	-0.05	1.16
General Funds				
UK Growth	39.66	42.18	-0.25	2.72
Assey/Earn Dt	55.76	59.24e	-0.27	2.37
Do Acc	58.01	61.63e	-0.28	2.28
GB Co	352.7	374.7e	-3.0	2.79
Managed Inv	60.31	64.58c	+0.07	2.24
Report Chld	50.14	53.28	-0.46	2.42
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	74.28	78.92e	-0.35	6.13
Gilt	25.98	27.40e	-0.09	8.80
Inc/Gth	29.89	31.75e	-0.20	3.95
Pref Shares	20.20	21.46	+0.03	8.53
UK Income	252.3	268.0	-1.8	4.24
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commod	137.7	146.3	+0.1	1.74
Financial Secs	41.09	43.65e	+0.02	3.75
Gold	42.98	45.66	-0.06	0.55
Do Acc	44.77	48.01	-0.07	0.52
Intl Leisure	17.15	18.22	+0.01	0.00
Prop Shares	73.58	78.17	+0.11	1.87
Univ Energy	56.97	60.53e	-0.21	1.87
World Tech	38.86	41.28	+0.05	0.38
Exempt Funds				
Exmpt	112.1	118.2	-1.0	3.67
Euro Expt Acc	76.57	82.10	+0.44	0.84
Euro Expt Inc	73.74	81.20	+0.44	0.85
Overseas Growth Fund				
Amer Growth	128.1	137.7	..	..
Australian Gth	44.48	47.54	-0.04	2.57
Drayton Jap	57.27	61.04	-0.40	0.00
Euro Perf	76.44	82.00	+0.47	0.35
Do Acc	77.26	82.91	+0.48	0.35
Euro Smlr Cos	13.78	14.77	+0.08	1.17
Far East	73.75	78.85	+0.63	0.30
French Gth	42.30	45.36c	+0.64	0.50
Do Acc	42.67	45.65c	+0.64	0.49
Hong Kong	24.49	26.21e	+0.08	2.30
Intl Gth	39.48	41.94	+0.04	1.83
Jap Perf	117.1	124.8	+0.3	0.00
Do Acc	117.1	124.8	+0.3	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	27.44	29.20	-0.01	0.00
Sing/ASEAN	31.97	34.21	+0.33	1.13
Do Acc	31.99	34.33	+0.34	1.13
SE Asia	62.91	67.90	+0.94	0.83
US Smi Co	59.31	64.11	+0.01	0.00
Do Acc	59.94	64.78	-0.04	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	62.88	66.57e	-0.21	3.67
Intl Bond	46.05	48.56	-0.06	5.63
US Income	48.55	51.82	+0.03	4.35
Do Acc	56.90	60.74	+0.03	3.71
NEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gilt	69.77	71.53	-0.11	8.20
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
Amer	24.81	26.39e	+0.12	1.11
Emerg	23.35	24.84e	+0.19	1.12
Genrl	40.41	42.99e	+0.02	2.86
Intl	57.46	61.13	+0.14	2.03
Gilt Unit	25.29	26.07	-0.09	8.53
Inc/Gth	66.89	71.16	-0.23	3.61
Euro	35.11	37.35	-0.07	1.22
Safety 1st	24.27	25.82e	-0.01	6.96
UK Smlr Cos	22.47	23.90c	-0.10	2.31
MARKS & SPENCERS UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Inv Port Acc	98.65	105.5	..	2.84
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUST LTD				
Far East	92.86	98.57	..	0.78
Inc Fund	55.72	59.15c	..	5.03
European	43.40	46.07c	..	1.01
N Amer	29.87	31.70	..	0.92
Gth/Rec	53.48	56.77	..	2.17
Intl Gth	461.3	489.7	..	1.87
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Am Growth	93.71	99.96	+0.03	0.18
Do Acc	99.81	106.5	..	0.18
Am Income	42.58	45.36	-0.09	3.96
Do Acc	50.28	53.60	-0.11	3.96
Euro Growth	121.6	129.5	+0.5	2.63
Do Acc	128.5	137.0	+0.6	2.63
General	323.7	345.3	+0.2	2.42
Do Acc	553.7	590.6	+0.6	2.42
Gilt/Fixed	83.48	87.85	-0.17	9.14
Do Acc	112.0	118.0	-0.2	9.14
Income	106.5	113.7	+0.3	4.03
Do Acc	129.3	138.0	+0.4	4.03
Intl	278.7	296.8e	+0.1	1.85
Do Acc	357.8	380.8e	+0.2	1.85
Japan	198.1	206.7e	-0.9	0.00
Do Acc	201.3	214.3e	-0.9	0.00
Recov	270.0	288.0	-1.4	2.18
Do Acc	302.9	323.1	-1.6	2.18
Exmpt Dist	311.7	319.7c	..	4.15
Do Acc	508.9	519.8c	..	4.15
Euro Inc	65.88	70.09e	+0.32	4.78
Do Acc	72.91	77.57e	+0.37	4.78
Am Smlr Dist	38.38	40.94	+0.27	0.00
Do Acc	38.9	41.5	+0.3	0.00
Br Blue Chip Dt	45.63	48.57	-0.30	2.82
Do Acc	47.36	50.52	-0.31	2.82
Global Dist	47.78	50.97	+0.05	0.40
Do Acc	48.31	51.53	+0.05	0.40
High Inc Dist	47.38	50.54e	-0.18	5.14
Do Acc	50.99	54.39e	-0.19	5.14
High Int Dist	43.37	46.07	-0.01	8.25
Do Acc	48.70	51.74e	..	8.25
Pacific Dist	47.87	51.07	+0.35	1.01
Do Acc	48.30	51.52	+0.36	1.01
UK Smlr Dist	46.70	49.82	-0.02	0.95
Do Acc	48.15	51.37	-0.02	0.95
Am Sm Cos Ex	38.60	39.59	+0.07	0.14
Do Acc	38.86	39.86	+0.07	0.14
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
British Dist	51.51	54.80	..	2.82
Do Acc	51.51	54.80	..	2.82
Capit Income	107.1	113.9e	..	2.51
Do Acc	153.4	163.2e	..	2.51
Extra High Inc	69.16	73.57e	..	6.95
Do Acc	92.44	98.34e	-1.50	6.95
Gt/Fxd Income	52.48	54.81	..	8.29
Do Acc	101.1	105.6	..	8.29
High Yield	199.3	212.0	..	5.28
Do Acc	378.0	400.0	..	5.28
Income	226.8	241.3c	..	3.75
Do Acc	398.0	423.4c	..	3.75
Intl High St Dis	51.34	54.62	..	2.17
Do Acc	52.20	55.53	..	2.17
Jap & Pacific	348.4	369.3	..	0.00
Do Acc	366.2	388.2	..	0.00
Mandarin	47.99	50.97	..	0.55
N Amer Inc	101.4	107.9	..	1.03
Do Acc	124.5	132.6	..	1.03
Euro Gth Inc	113.3	119.4	..	1.06
Do Acc	139.0	146.5	..	1.06
Managed Port	62.05	63.97	..	2.09
Meridian Gth	106.1	112.3	..	2.34
Meridian Inc	102.5	109.5e	..	4.97
Smlr Cos Inc	157.8	167.9e	..	2.20
Do Acc	175.0	186.2e	..	2.20
MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Amer Gth	112.4	119.6e	+0.4	2.84
Euro Gth	139.0	147.9e	+0.5	2.19
Intl Gth	115.2	122.6	-0.1	1.48
UK Equity Inc	107.7	114.6	-0.2	4.58
UK Eq In Acc	109.6	116.7	-0.2	4.58
UK Eq In Trckr	101.0	106.9	..	4.20
US Eq In Trckr	106.2	112.4	+0.5	2.22
Do Acc	106.2	112.4	+0.5	2.22
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
Amer Inc	103.0	109.2c	..	4.48
European	46.35	49.11s	..	1.42
Far East	98.66	105.1	..	0.00
Olympiad	43.32	46.16c	..	0.73
Olympiad Inc	36.97	39.37	..	6.02
Smlr Cos	65.28	69.58s	..	1.72
UK Equity Inc	75.91	81.03e	..	5.60
UK Growth	55.20	58.92	..	3.43
N M SCHRODER				
Amer Acc	25.19	26.86	..	1.60
Australia Acc	187.7	201.3c	..	0.59
Consdlance Inc	43.67	46.61e	..	2.14
Do Acc	44.62	47.62e	..	2.14
Euro Inc	114.4	122.0	..	1.07
Do Acc	119.4	127.3	..	1.07
Extra Inc	70.32	75.05e	..	6.77
Extra Inc Acc	83.55	89.16e	..	6.77
F East Gth Acc	95.69	102.5	..	0.22
Gt/Fxd Income	53.78	56.90c	..	8.79
Gold Inc	37.87	40.50	..	1.14
Do Acc	40.30	43.33	..	1.14
Inc	46.94	50.06s	..	5.46
Do Acc	115.6	123.3s	..	5.46
Intl Inc	24.25	26.01	..	0.73
Do Acc	34.12	36.60	..	0.73
Jap Sm Co Acc	199.4	212.5e	..	0.00
Sing Mal Acc	76.40	81.92	..	1.04
Sm Co Inc Acc	35.48	38.12s	..	1.39
Spec Sits Inc	28.35	30.48s	..	1.39
Do Acc	30.16	32.43s	..	1.39
Tokyo Inc	74.19	79.13s	..	0.00
Do Acc	74.94	79.93s	..	0.00
US Sm Co Acc	45.52	48.86	..	0.00
UK Equity Inc	129.7	138.3e	..	3.93
Do Acc	213.6	227.8e	..	3.93
PEARL TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Gth Trust Inc	107.0	113.8	-0.6	2.86
Do Acc	166.9	177.4	-0.8	2.86
Inc Trust	161.4	171.7	-1.2	3.79
Intl Equity Inc	151.0	160.6	-0.3	1.49
Do Acc	158.4	168.4	-0.3	1.49
Equity Inc	159.5	169.6	-1.1	3.06
Do Acc	294.2	312.9	-2.0	3.06
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
Intl Gth	291.0	311.2	-0.82	1.40
Income	221.3	236.7	+1.36	4.70
W'wide Rec	163.0	174.3c	-0.08	1.61
Am Growth	68.95	73.75c	+0.01	0.98
Intl Emerg Cos	74.57	79.78	+0.19	0.85
Far East Grwth	108.9	116.5e	-0.28	0.98
Euro Gth	62.71	67.07e	-0.45	1.30
UK Growth	42.23	45.17	+0.04	2.64
High Inc	51.48	55.04e	+0.03	6.50
Jap Gth	100.2	107.2	+0.46	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Intl	126.2	134.3e	+1.3	1.04
High Inc	84.91	90.43	+0.09	4.38
Conv/Gilt	120.1	128.2	..	8.18
Far East	239.8	254.7	-3.0	0.01
Nth Amer	115.7	123.7	-1.5	0.01
Spec Sits	95.12	101.6	+0.79	0.83
Technology	115.6	123.5	+2.5	0.78
Extra Inc	127.4	136.0e	+1.3	4.80
Euro Gth/Inc	43.49	46.45e	+0.47	2.43
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Holb Equity	518.6	548.8	-0.70	2.80
European	107.1	114.8	+0.02	0.71
Holb Comms	63.20	67.59e	+0.26	0.42
Holb High Inc	79.86	85.20e	+0.18	6.40
Holb Intl	104.7	112.0e	-0.19	0.92
Japanese	156.8	166.8	+1.34	0.04
N Amer	72.09	77.10	-0.30	0.77
Holb Spec Sits	92.1	98.5e	-0.2	2.08
Holb UK Gth	95.26	101.9	-0.21	2.50
Holb Premier	42.28	45.22s	+0.07	7.25
Holb Smlr Cos	64.84	69.13	+0.02	3.06
Holb Eqty Inc	63.40	67.81	-0.01	5.00
Holb Intl SC	45.49	48.65	+0.09	0.05
RM ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED				
Income	113.4	120.9	-0.45	4.70
Japan	223.8	238.4e	-1.51	0.00
Major UK Co	61.86	65.88e	-0.54	2.77
Smlr Acs	77.53	82.65	+0.23	1.75
Amer Inc	281.7	280.3	+1.18	1.27
Do Acc	291.9	311.7	+1.31	1.27
Smlr Cos	196.8	213.7	+0.21	2.02
Smlr Canada	37.05	39.79	-0.20	1.41
Smlr Euro Cos	166.4	177.4e	+1.22	0.71
ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Cap Gwth Inc	72.15	76.07	+0.52	2.97
Do Acc	87.38	92.11	+0.62	0.00
Pacific Basin	180.0	188.7	+0.1	2.82
Do 9% Wrnd	75.14	79.23	+0.03	0.00
Finance/Prop	82.37	86.84	+1.77	2.83
Fixed/Conv	46.94	49.49c	+0.57	7.53
Do Acc	86.82	93.84c	-0.04	0.00
Equity Inc	107.9	113.8e	+1.9	4.57
Do Acc	278.0	290.0s	+4.8	0.00
High Yield Inc	112.2	120.7	+0.1	5.46
Do Acc	332.2	357.2	..	0.00
Intl Inc	85.49	90.13	-0.24	1.37
Do Acc	89.45	94.32	-0.25	0.00
Preference Inc	47.95	51.71e	+0.28	7.26
Do Acc	180.9	195.1e	+1.1	0.00
Smlr Cos	71.99	75.90	-1.03	2.32
Do Acc	80.02	84.37	-1.14	0.00
Pres Canada	48.90	49.85	-0.15	0.10
Pres Commod	55.39	55.57	-0.23	0.07
Pres Europe	101.1	101.6	-0.6	0.00
Pres Global	49.04	49.29	-0.21	5.15
Pres Gold	36.57	36.75	+0.11	0.13
Pres HK	34.25	34.42	-0.15	0.08
Pres Jap	132.6	133.3	+0.1	0.00
Pres Sing/M	41.74	41.95	-0.39	0.08
Pres UK	93.76	94.23	+0.76	1.34
Pres US	64.04	64.36	+0.25	1.37
W'wide Alpha	53.37	56.27	+0.29	1.91
Do Acc	53.65	56.57	+0.29	0.00
SAVE & PROSPER				
Am Inc/Growth	50.32	53.53	..	9.00
Capit	111.0	118.0e	..	1.42
Commod	69.86	74.31	..	0.98
Euro Growth	103.2	109.7	..	0.54
Financial Secs	111.7	118.8	..	2.43
High Return	229.6	244.2e	..	4.47
High Yield	211.6	225.1	..	4.12
Inc Units	117.2	124.6	..	5.56
Investment	112.3	119.4	..	2.64
Jap Growth	128.2	136.3	..	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	146.0	155.3	..	0.00
Masterfund	34.20	36.38e	..	2.51
Scotbits	158.5	168.6e	..	2.72
Scotshares	218.7	232.6	..	2.22
Scotyields	203.3	216.2	..	4.69
Select Intl	92.81	98.73	..	1.25
Smlr Cos Inc	229.4	244.0	..	4.03
Spec Sits	127.2	135.3	..	2.01
UK Equity	219.5	233.5c	..	3.68
US Growth	71.87	76.45	..	1.04
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Equity Auth	407.7	434.2	-2.33	3.64
Equity Strat	49.93	53.18	-0.25	2.97
Euro Opp	48.82	51.99	-0.14	1.12
UK Smlr Cos	47.99	51.11	+0.23	2.73
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
Nelson	220.8	236.2	..	3.06
Colombus	143.2	153.1	..	1.41
Marco Polo	241.5	258.3	..	0.24
Da Vinci	258.6	276.6	..	1.49
Drake	57.23	61.21	..	0.95
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
UK Equity	227.9	242.5e	-0.4	3.33
UK Sm Cos Eq	224.2	238.6e	+0.3	2.52
European	194.8	207.4	-0.1	1.33
N Amer	121.0	128.8	+0.7	1.39
Inc Plus	56.4	60.0	-0.2	5.66
UK Spec Sit	66.76	71.05	+0.85	2.34
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
Equity Gth Acc	17.81	19.08s	..	3.29
Intl Gth Acc	19.22	20.57s	..	0.84
Global Inc Acc	19.91	21.31s	..	5.62
Mkt Leadr Acc	17.42	18.65s	..	3.52
SIM UNIT MANAGEMENT				
O'seas Sm Co	52.80	56.15	..	0.34
Pension Charit	667.1	709.6e	..	4.32
Recov	211.96	12.72c	..	2.91
UK Smi Cos Ex	102.1	108.6	..	2.31
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Managed Acc	28.16	29.92c	+0.01	2.12
Equity Gth Acc	33.49	35.58c	+0.03	2.50
Equity High Inc	33.29	35.37	-0.09	4.66
Equity Genrl	28.87	30.67	-0.04	2.85
Do Acc	33.85	35.97	-0.05	2.85
G/F Intrst Inc	27.41	28.84	+0.03	8.04
O'seas Lgr Acc	200.0	217.0	+0.4	2.14
Nth Amer Acc	23.68	25.13c	+0.03	1.25
Far East Acc	46.35	49.25c	+0.02	0.04
Euro Acc	26.24	27.88c	+0.14	1.40
UK Lgr Inc	202.9	220.2	-0.4	3.75
Do Acc	225.4	244.6	-0.5	3.75
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Amer Inc	204.3	217.4	-0.3	0.95
Do Acc	234.1	249.1e	-0.3	0.95
Do Wrhdl	126.4	134.5	-0.2	0.95
Australian Inc	177.5	189.0	+1.5	0.28
Do Acc	182.8	194.6	+1.5	0.28
British Inc	838.2	892.7	+3.7	4.48
Do Acc	£11.95	12.18	-0.48	4.46
Euro Inc	286.5	283.9	+0.7	0.09
Do Acc	292.5	300.9	+0.7	0.58
Jap Inc	92.53	98.54	-0.36	0.15
Do Acc	93.27	99.32	-0.37	0.15
Saints PPP	218.6	227.5	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE				
Equity Acc	487.4	518.5e	+5.2	3.31
NAm Acc	53.73	57.16e	+0.78	1.69
Far East Acc	115.2	122.6e	-0.9	1.39
W'wide Bond	47.62	50.13	-0.11	7.42
European	51.65	54.66	+0.16	2.71
Equity Inc	64.89	69.82e	+0.63	5.43
W'wide Tech	40.78	43.38	+0.14	0.91
W'wide Fincl	41.84	44.51	+0.02	1.26
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
UK Income	32.88	34.95	..	4.36
Do Gth	29.22	31.08	..	2.83
W'wide	21.88	23.04	..	1.80
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Amer Inc	102.0	108.5	+0.15	2.02
Do Acc	109.5	116.4	+0.15	2.02
Br Gth Inc	58.13	61.84	-0.48	3.22
Do Acc	80.62	84.70	-0.52	3.22
Euro Inc	54.68	58.17c	+0.38	0.90
Do Acc	56.17	59.76c	+0.40	0.90
Extra Inc Inc	155.7	165.7	-0.32	5.95
Do Acc	201.0	213.9	-0.42	5.95
Genrl Unit Inc	185.8	197.6e	-1.67	3.46
Do Acc	327.1	348.0e	-2.93	3.46
Gilt/Fixed	48.08	50.08	..	8.12
Do Acc	73.80	76.88	..	8.12
Inc Trust	277.9	295.6	-2.03	5.20
Do Acc	472.7	502.9	-3.45	5.20
Intl	343.8	365.7	-0.53	0.78
Do Acc	434.5	462.2	-0.68	0.78
Pacific	228.6	243.2	-3.71	0.11
Do Acc	237.7	252.8	-3.84	0.11
Natrl Resrces	67.49	71.80	+0.22	1.33
Do Acc	71.54	76.11	+0.23	1.33
Selected Opps	82.69	87.96	-0.44	2.67
Do Accum	94.41	100.4	-0.51	2.67
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS				
Am Eagle	67.24	71.80e	+0.87	2.91
Australian	7.59	8.14e	+0.07	0.10
Commod	79.84	85.44	-0.33	0.56
Equity	157.2	169.6e	+1.7	3.06
Equity Exmpt	117.8	126.9	..	2.19
Equity Ex Acc	224.2	241.0	..	2.19
Euro Spec Sits	87.09	93.64	+0.12	1.45
Convertible	144.9	156.5c	+0.6	4.86
Financial	31.02	32.56s	-0.28	2.03
Global Inc	58.79	63.30	+0.48	0.59
Do Acc	59.24	63.77	+0.48	0.59
Gold Inc	47.51	51.06	+0.42	0.00
Do Acc	87.52	94.05	+0.78	0.00
Income	107.8	116.2e	+0.1	4.37
Japan	139.6	150.4	+1.2	0.00
Pacific Inc	126.0	135.0	+0.4	0.05
Do Acc	156.1	167.5	+0.6	0.05
Pref Share	25.04	27.07e	+0.15	7.45
UK Capit	91.28	98.13e	+0.68	1.59
Spec Sits	99.03	106.6c	+0.57	1.48
World Cap	157.1	168.4e	+1.0	1.84
World Inc	54.34	58.25e	+0.39	5.25
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Am Opp Dist	40.94	43.55	..	1.22
Do Acc	41.72	44.50	-0.01	1.22
Euro Opp Dist	44.46	47.42	+0.28	0.00
Do Acc	44.22	47.16	+0.28	0.00
F East Opp Di	100.2	106.9	+0.17	0.00
Do Acc	100.6	107.2	+0.17	0.00
Gold Opp Di	36.95	39.41e	+0.05	1.14
Do Acc	36.34	38.75e	+0.05	1.14
Intl Hi Yld Dist	47.64	50.81e	-0.24	3.75
Do Acc	49.60	52.88e	-0.24	3.75
Jap Opp Dist	62.79	66.96	-0.31	0.80
Do Acc	62.78	66.96	-0.31	0.80
Kangaroo Dist	29.74	31.71	+0.06	0.47
Do Acc	29.91	31.89	+0.06	0.47
Orient Inc Dist	27.81	29.66	+0.01	2.70
Do Acc	29.06	30.98	+0.01	2.70
Pac Tech Dist	51.38	54.98	+0.24	0.00
Do Acc	51.55	54.98	+0.24	0.00
Tiger Dist	99.02	105.6	+0.48	0.40
Do Acc	99.93	106.5	+0.49	0.40
UK Hi Yld Dist	40.73	43.43	+0.28	7.81
Do Acc	45.12	48.11	+0.28	7.81
UK Opp Dist	42.98	45.80	+0.11	1.89
Do Acc	44.49	47.57	+0.12	1.89
TOUCHE REMNANT				
Amer Growth	37.48	39.97	..	0.43
Eur Spec Sit	27.04	28.85	..	0.90
Do Acc	27.49	29.33	..	0.90
Genrl Growth	66.10	70.31e	..	2.02
Global Tech	55.34	58.87	..	0.14
Inc Growth	77.57	82.52e	..	4.02
Inc Monthly	59.83	63.66e	..	5.18
Jap Growth	71.76	76.34	..	0.00
Man Equity Inc	27.22	29.11	..	2.95
Do Acc	28.42	30.39	..	2.94
O'seas Gth	52.53	56.10	..	0.00
Smlr Cos	90.94	97.28	..	1.20
Spec Opp	105.3	112.6c	..	1.54
WW Spec Sits	27.41	29.31c	..	1.03
Do Accum	27.41	29.31c	..	1.03
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUST				
Utd Charities	182.9	195.1	..	4.72
VANGUARD TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Am & Gen	62.08	66.04	..	2.00
Do Acc	64.17	68.27	..	2.00
European	45.95	48.88	..	1.28
Do Acc	46.52	49.49	..	1.28
F East/Gen	61.85	65.80	..	0.00
Do Acc	61.85	65.80	..	0.00
Glenfriars	231.0	245.7	..	1.75
Do Acc	238.5	253.7	..	1.75
Growth	331.7	346.5	..	2.41
Do Acc	352.9	375.4	..	2.41
High Yield	294.1	312.9e	..	3.83
Do Acc	328.3	349.3	..	3.83
Master Portfl	272.05	74.53e	..	3.42
Do Acc	275.84	78.55	..	3.42
Spec Sits	57.48	61.13e	..	2.58
Do Acc	60.42	64.28e	..	2.58
Trustee	173.2	184.3e	..	3.68
Do Acc	289.9	308.4	..	3.68
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Amer	58.19	62.23	..	1.80
Pacific Perf	126.2	134.9	..	0.50
Intl Gth	69.88	74.73	..	0.40
Inc Tst	122.1	130.7	..	6.50
Jap Gth	208.0	220.4	..	0.10
Sml Co	142.9	152.8	..	1.80
Technology	29.53	31.58	+0.04	0.10
Australia	62.40	66.73e	..	2.70
Uk	168.5	180.5	..	2.80
Euro Gth	53.80	57.65	..	0.10
Hong Kong	32.98	35.27	..	1.80
Intl	19.97	21.35e	..	8.00
Sing Malay	23.87	25.52	..	0.30
Br Wnrs	26.07	27.88	..	2.50
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Aus Gold	17.24	18.34c	-0.10	0.00
Pacific Basin	26.2	26.8	..	0.80
Canadian Gth	44.93	47.85	+0.07	0.10
Olmie Me	95.18	99.14e	+0.08	8.80
Penny Share	27.05	28.77e	-0.11	0.50
WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS				
Gth Fund	182.1	193.7	-0.6	1.28
Inc Fund	117.5	125.0e	+0.4	4.85
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Shrt Dtd Gilt	80.57	81.59	+0.02	5.77
US Govt Bond	54.74	54.79	+0.02	0.00
Challenger	53.86	54.55	-0.06	0.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Conv/Equity	82.82	88.64	+0.22	6.09
Income	82.56	87.83c	+0.37	3.89
Growth	86.17	91.67	+0.51	1.84
Prop Shares	51.80	55.14e	+0.97	1.42
Smlr Cos	57.98	61.68	+0.84	1.81
European	56.17	59.89e	+1.35	0.62
Far Eastern	53.70	56.94	+0.08	1.29

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

e Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

THIRD MARKET

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 98.1 (day's range 98.0-98.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for January 27

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7600-1.7700	1.7600-1.7610	0.51-0.48pr	1.51-1.47pr
Montrl	2.0900-2.1019	2.0900-2.0938	0.33-0.28pr	0.65-0.56pr
Amstrdm	3.6866-3.7007	3.6969-3.7007	2-1¾pr	5¼-5⅛pr
Brussels	68.41-68.96	68.41-68.63	35-25pr	90-75pr
Copnhgn	12.6731-12.7090	12.6966-12.7090	5-4⅜pr	15-14½pr
Dublin	1.2335-1.2355	1.2345-1.2355	60-54pr	162-152pr
Frankft	3.2650-3.2789	3.2753-3.2789	1⅞-1¾pr	5½-5⅜pr
Lisbon	267.40-268.92	267.44-268.10	45-4pr	125-30pr
Milan	2386.15-2396.04	2392.92-2396.04	3pr-2ds	6-5pr
Madrid	202.05-203.20	202.61-203.07	35-20pr	50-20pr
Oslo	11.8232-11.8502	11.8238-11.8394	2-1½pr	5¼-4⅜pr
Paris	11.1093-11.1440	11.1286-11.1440	3¼-3⅛pr	11¼-10⅞pr
Stckhlm	11.1210-11.1440	11.1341-11.1440	2⅝-1⅜pr	6⅞-6⅜pr
Tokyo	226.90-227.63	227.24-227.54	1⅝-1½pr	4½-4⅜pr
Vienna	22.94-23.08	22.96-22.99	12⅝-11⅝pr	37-34⅝pr
Zurich	2.7756-2.7930	2.7897-2.7930	1⅝-1½pr	4⅞-4⅜pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	29.9472-30.1057
Australia dollar	2.0130-2.0168
Bahrain dinar	0.6655-0.6695
Brazil cruzado*	1.75-1.77
Cyprus pound	0.8365-0.8465
Finland marka	7.5050-7.5450
Greece drachma	271.00-273.00
Hong Kong dollar	13.789-13.799
India rupee	26.69-26.89
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5060-0.5100
Malaysia ringgit	4.8182-4.8236
Mexico peso	4000-4100
New Zealand dollar	2.8951-2.9054
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.6175-6.6575
Singapore dollar	3.4145-3.4183
S Africa rand (fin)	6.7761-6.9130
S Africa rand (com)	4.2349-4.2427
U A E dirham	6.4775-6.5175

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4440-1.4455	Denmark	7.1820-7.1870	Italy	1351.0-1352.0
Singapore	1.9835-1.9845	W Germany	1.8520-1.8530	Belgium (Com)	38.72-38.82
Malaysia	2.7260-2.7275	Switzerland	1.5748-1.5755	Hong Kong	7.8015-7.8025
Australia	1.1389-1.1402	Netherlands	2.0805-2.0815	Portugal	151.75-152.15
Canada	1.1845-1.1855	France	6.2850-6.2900	Spain	114.95-115.05
Sweden	6.2970-6.3020	Japan	128.80-128.90	Austria	13.06-13.07
Norway	6.6975-6.7025				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 13 Finance Hse 13
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 13 Low 12 Week fixed: 12⅞
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 12²¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 12⅝
Selling: 2 mth – 12⅝ 3 mth – 12⁹⁄₁₆
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 12²⁵⁄₃₂-¹³⁄₃₂
2 mth: 12¹¹⁄₁₆-12⅝ 3 mth: 12¹⁷⁄₃₂-12½ 6 mth 12-11¹⁵⁄₁₆
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 13¹³⁄₃₂
2 mth: 13⁹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 13⁹⁄₃₂ 6 mth 12⅞
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 13 close 12⅞
1 week: 13¹⁄₁₆-13 1 mth: 13⅛-13 3 mth: 13-12¹⁵⁄₁₆
6 mth: 12¹¹⁄₁₆-⅝ 9 mth: 12⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 12⁷⁄₁₆-12⅜
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 12⅞ 7 day: 12⅞ 1 mth: 13¹⁄₁₆
3 mth: 13¹⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 12⅞ 12 mth: 12⅝
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 13¹⁄₁₆-12¹⁵⁄₁₆
3 mth: 13-12⅞ 6 mth: 12⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆ 12 mth 12³⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 9.20-9.15
3 mth: 9.30-9.25 6 mth: 9.45-9.40 12 mth 9.70-9.65
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 13¹⁄₁₆-13 2 mth: 13¹⁄₁₆-12⅞ 3 mth: 13-12¹⁵⁄₁₆
6 mth: 12¹¹⁄₁₆-⁹⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 12½-12⅜ 12 mth: 12⅜-12¼

TREASURY BILLS

Applcts: £474.1m allotted: £100m
Bids: £96.925% received: 85%
Last week: £96.900% received: 72%
Avge rate: £12.3125% last wk £12.4220%
Next week: £100m replace £100m

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	9⅛-8⅞	9³⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆	9⅜-9¼	9½-9⅜
Call: 9-8				
Deutschemark:	5⁷⁄₁₆-5⁵⁄₁₆	5⅝-5½	6-5⅞	6³⁄₁₆-6¹⁄₁₆
Call: 5¼-4⅞				
French Franc:	8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆	8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	8⅞-8¾	8¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆
Call: 8⅞-7⅞				
Swiss Franc:	5³⁄₁₆-5¹⁄₁₆	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¾	5¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆
Call: 5¼-4½				
Yen:	4½-4⅜	4⁵⁄₁₆-4³⁄₁₆	4⅝-4½	4⅝-4½
Call: 3⅞-2⅞				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $402.50-403.00 Close: $399.00-399.50
High: $402.50-403.00 Low: $398.50-399.00

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $411.00-416.00 (£233.00-236.00)
Krugerrand: $398.00-401.00 (£226.00-228.00)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $411.00-416.00 (£233.00-236.00)
American Eagles: $411.00-416.00 (£233.00-236.00)
New Sovereigns: $94.00-95.00 (£53.25-54.00)
Old Sovereigns: $94.00-95.00 (£53.25-54.00)
Platinum: $527.25 (£298.45)
Palladium: $137.75 (£78.00)
Silver: $6.05-6.07 (£3.435-3.450)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100					Previous open interest 15190
Mar 89	198.80	204.30	198.80	204.10	6536
Jun 89	202.60	206.60	202.60	207.20	60
Three Month Sterling					Previous open interest 55201
Mar 89	87.31	87.36	87.28	87.48	23109
Jun 89	88.09	88.26	88.05	88.27	4363
Sep 89	88.62	88.77	88.60	88.75	1039
Dec 89	88.95	89.10	88.95	89.10	128
Three Month Eurodollar					Previous open interest 48021
Mar 89	90.45	90.54	90.40	90.53	8715
Jun 89	90.43	90.52	90.41	90.52	1219
Sep 89	90.44	90.54	90.44	90.54	429
Dec 89	90.36	90.38	90.36	90.44	85

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond					Previous open interest 11972
Mar 89	91-06	91-27	81-00	91-24	7316
Jun 89	NT	—	—	9116	0
Long Gilt					Previous open interest 29685
Mar 89	97-13	98-03	97-13	97-31	32718
Jun 89	96-14	98-26	96-13	96-29	281
Japanese Govt Bond					Previous open interest 604
Mar 89	106.95	107.10	106.88	106.95	423
Jun 89	105.84	105.94	105.94	106.02	2
German Govt Bond					Previous open interest 17848
Mar 89	94.99	95.05	94.93	95.00	9049
Jun 89	94.39	94.48	94.39	94.45	163
Sep 89	93.90	93.90	93.90	93.94	1

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INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	4.50	4.60	3.70	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	8.40	8.73	6.98	2,500-25,000	1 mth	01-626 1567
"	9.13	9.33	7.46	2,500-25,000	6 mth	01-626 1567
Lloyds	8.88	8.88	7.10	2,500-50,000	1 mth	01-407 1000
"	9.06	9.06	7.25	2,500-50,000	6 mth	01-407 1000
Midland	8.83	8.83	7.06	10,000-no max	1 mth	01-260 2805
" " "	8.59	8.59	6.87	10,000-no max	6 mth	01-260 2805
NatWest	9.38	9.38	7.50	10,000-24,000	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	9.00	9.00	7.20	10,000-24,000	6 mth	01-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	9.01	9.04	7.23	2,500	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	8.40	8.67	6.93	1,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Chq & Save	4.50	4.50	3.60	No mnt	none	01 626 9543
Girobank	7.75	7.75	6.20	1,000‡	none	051 966 2078
Lloyds HICA	7.60	7.90	6.32	1,000‡	none	01-407 1000
Midland HICA	8.50	8.77	7.02	2,000‡	none	—
NatWest Special Reserve	5.50	5.61	4.49	500‡	none	01-726 1000
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	8.63	8.91	7.13	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB England & Wales	8.75	8.75	7.00	2,000	none	01-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	6.15	6.15	4.92	1 min	—	—
Best buy — largest socs:						
B'ham Midshires	6.15	6.15	4.92	1 min	none	—
Britannia	7.80	7.80	6.24	250 min	—	—
Bristol & West	8.50	8.50	6.80	500 min	—	—
B'ham Midshires	9.25	9.25	7.40	10,000 min	—	—
Northern Rock	9.40	9.40	7.52	20,000 min	—	—
Best buy — all socs:						
St Pancras	9.00	9.20	7.36	500 min	none	—
Hendon	9.50	9.73	7.60	500 min	30 day	—
Homesdale Bentt	10.00	10.25	8.00	500 min	60 day	—
Hampshire	9.75	9.99	7.80	500 min	90 day	—
Frome Selwood	10.30	10.57	8.24	5,000 min	2 yrs	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Abbey Nat Current	5.00	5.00	4.00	1 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leicester	6.90	6.90	5.52	500 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	6.00	6.00	4.80	500 min		balances

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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c†	5.00	3.75	3.00	1-10,000	6 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	10.75	8.06	6.45	5-100,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*☆	10.75	8.00	6.45	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*□	10.75	8.00	6.45	100-100,000	3 mth	041-649-4555
34th Issue Cert*†	7.50	7.50	7.50	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.50	7.50	7.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	12.00	9.00	7.20	100-no max	5 yrs	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Property Equity & Life	10.0	10.0	8.50	1,000 min	1 yr	Figures from
New Direction Fin	9.50	9.50	8.08	1,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Canterbury Life	9.05	9.05	7.59	1,000 min	3 yrs	Vere call
American Life	9.50	9.50	8.08	15,000 min	4 yrs	01 404 5766
Providence Cap.	9.30	9.30	7.90	10,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (December 87-88)	+6.8%	Spanish Pesetas:	198.50
Bank Base Rate	13%	French Francs:	10.94
Personal Loan	19.7%	Greek Drachma:	269.00
Credit Card	16—26.8%	Italian Lire:	2355.00

*†2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 of less * Additional holdings up to £10,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates ††Tax free *Highest taxable paid gross #Higher rates for larger sums ‡Only longer on sale ☆Up to 11.5 on 22 Jan*

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The indexed rise for calculating the indexation allowance on assets disposed of in December 1988

RI month	RI year 1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
Jan	-	0.335	0.270	0.209	0.146	0.103	0.068
Feb	-	0.329	0.265	0.200	0.142	0.099	0.064
Mar	0.388	0.327	0.261	0.189	0.140	0.096	0.060
Apr	0.361	0.309	0.244	0.164	0.129	0.083	0.043
May	0.351	0.303	0.240	0.159	0.127	0.082	0.039
Jun	0.348	0.300	0.237	0.156	0.126	0.082	0.035
Jul	0.347	0.293	0.236	0.158	0.131	0.083	0.034
Aug	0.347	0.287	0.226	0.155	0.126	0.080	0.022
Sep	0.348	0.282	0.224	0.156	0.122	0.077	0.018
Oct	0.341	0.277	0.216	0.154	0.120	0.072	0.007
Nov	0.334	0.273	0.213	0.150	0.111	0.067	0.003
Dec	0.337	0.269	0.214	0.148	0.107	0.068	-

The RI month for disposls by individuals on or after April 6, 1985 (April 1, 1985 for companies) is the month in which the allowable expenditure was incurred, or March 1982 where the expenditure was incurred before that month.

Accounting for tastes

Two more banks have introduced interest-bearing current accounts — and made choosing the right one even more difficult



The banking scene is becoming increasingly fragmented. Find yourself in the wrong area and it could cost you dear. The banks and building societies are already competing by giving interest on current accounts. But be sure that customers will be paying for most of this via higher interest rates, fines for taking DIY overdrafts and standing monthly fees.

The next sector to divide and rule will be credit cards. At the moment those who never take credit and pay off their balances in full each month enjoy a free payments service and are being subsidized by the credit-takers.

Fees for credit cards are almost inevitable. But perhaps, just as we now have to decide before opening a bank account whether we want to borrow heavily or leave large deposits in it before selecting the best buy, the same will apply to credit cards.

The choice may be: pay a fee for the card and have a lower borrowing rate, or take a free card but pay dearly if you do not repay in full. The small credit card issuers such as Chase Manhattan and Save & Prosper are already offering lower borrowing rates. But they are pretty choosy about who they will give a card to.

Differentiation is the name of the game, and the high street banking scene is looking most interesting. Barclays and the Royal Bank of Scotland this week joined Midland and Lloyds with interest-bearing cheque accounts to counter the onslaught from the building societies.

Nationwide Anglia's FlexAccount has taken a million current account customers from the banks and the Abbey National a further 800,000. One of the great attractions of these accounts is that there are no charges for writing a cheque or making direct debit payments. Now Barclays has followed suit. Even those Barclays customers who do nothing will find that their ordinary current account will now be called Flexible, and although there will be no interest, there will also be no charges. But there will be a "fine" of £12 a quarter for those taking unauthorized overdrafts of more than £100.

Customers can easily swap into one of the two interest-bearing accounts. The Instant account mimics a building society plastic card account, and offers neither chequebook nor overdraft. But it pays the highest rates of interest — 4.5 per cent up to £500 and 6.5 per cent on the whole balance when there are larger sums. These rates are the same as those paid by Lloyds Classic Account, the first of the new generation of accounts.

Barclays' Interest account does offer overdrafts and a chequebook. Overdrafts up to £100 are free, but larger overdrafts incur a fee of 2 per cent of the agreed limit with a minimum of £10, and are charged at 22.7 per cent apr. There is also a "fine" of £12 a quarter for unauthorized borrowing. The interest is 4 per cent up to £500 and 6 per cent on larger sums.

The interest looks attractive, but do not think that everyone will be better off with one of these interest-bearing accounts. Even those who never overdraw will find that if their balance is not large enough, they will be out-of-pocket if they use the accounts that levy charges.

On an account with an average balance of £500, Midland's Vector would pay £120 in charges against £35 in interest, and the Meridian account £32 in interest but £120 in charges. Even with an average balance of £1,000, the Vector account would still incur charges than the interest received.

Midland's advertising, which invites readers to decide whether they are Vector, Orchard or Meridian people on the basis of lifestyle questions about supermarkets and video recorders does actually have a point.

There are great advantages to these complex accounts — if you choose the right one. Some are for borrowers, some for spenders and some for those with large balances. But choose the wrong one and you will be worse off than you were with the lumbering old current account which pays no interest at all.

For example, the Meridian account carries a £10-a-month charge if the balance falls below £1,000.

The Royal Bank of Scotland's new account pays 5 per cent up to £500, 6.5 per cent up to £2,500, 7.25 per cent up to £5,000 and 8.25 per cent on larger sums. Overdrafts up to £100 are free, but there is a £6 fee every month for accounts overdrawn by more than this on top of the interest of 19.5 per cent apr. Unauthorized overdrafts are charged 26.8 per cent.

Save & Prosper's Classic account, run in conjunction with Robert Fleming, pays 8.75 per cent on sums over £1,000, which gives it the edge for accounts with large balances. An account with an average balance of £1,000 which was never overdrawn would earn a net £68.65 from S&P; £65 from Lloyds Classic, Royal Bank of Scotland, Midland Meridian or Barclay's Instant; £60.04 from Co-Op Bank's Cheque and Save; £60 from Barclay's Interest; £57 from Midland's Orchard; £55 from Nationwide and £50 from the Abbey National.

But another account, in which the average balance is £500 and the account is overdrawn by more than £100 once a month, and the pecking order changes. The building society accounts come out on top with £27 from Nationwide and £25 from the Abbey, followed by Barclay's Interest at £20. The Meridian account, however, would cost you £87.50 in a year and Lloyds Classic, £39.50.

Vivien Goldsmith

More incentive to live longer

With most insurance it is a case of die-to-win. But a new scheme has been launched this week which rewards those who live to a ripe old age.

Lifetime, from MLA, is a bit like an annuity, but instead of the benefits being set from the outset as a fixed sum paid for life, money is invested in a mix of single premium unit-linked bonds and endowment policies which mature at three-yearly intervals. A set number of units is paid out — the exact amount of money depending on the performance of the underlying MLA unit trusts.

The payments continue in theory until you are 110 years old, and there is the comfort of knowing that if you die before you have been repaid your nominal investment, the residue will be paid to your estate.

"More people are going to live to be 100 in the next century," said Mr Martin Burke, MLA's marketing manager. "We are rewarding you for living longer. It's a financial planning tool. If people know they have got money coming in, then they will feel free to spend."

The Lifetime literature takes the example of a 65-year-old man investing £5,000. If the fund had an average return of 7 per cent, he would receive £961 at age 68, £1,145 at 71, and so on, increasing until he reached the age of 110. This adds up to £64,246. MLA points out that a typical investment bond would run out when he was 83, and would have only paid out £9,333.

But actuaries calculate that the 65-year-old man can expect to live just 14.5 years. So, our average man would collect just four Lifetime payments totalling £5,094 — a lot less than he would have got by simply puting the money in a building society. Even if he survived to collect the payment when he was 80, the Lifetime man would have collected just £7,029 in total.

If he had invested instead in an annuity which promised to increase the payout every year by 5 per cent, he would have begun by getting around £500 a year — once again a better deal for the average man.

Lifetime works with their own life-expectancy tables. They see that people are living longer and have stitched these projections into their figures. So Lifetime calculate that the 65-year-old will live another 17 years — to 82.

If the investments yield 10.5 per cent a year and the man lives until he is 80, then he will have received £9,827 — a yield of just under 7 per cent. If he lives until 83, the yield climbs to 9.17 per cent and at 86 he is ahead of the game with a return of 10.64 per cent.

So with Lifetime you are mostly buying insurance that you will not outlive your wealth, and are obtaining exposure to the equity markets and hence a share in any strong rises. But of course, there is the risk that it may turn sour as well.

The Lambeth Building Society also has a scheme which protects the elderly who live beyond the statisticians' expectations. But this scheme is for those who do not have any spare cash and want to free some of the wealth tied up in their property.

It also looks like an annuity, but is actually an interest-only mortgage where a flat sum is taken out every year, initially for 15 years. The older the borrower, the more the building society will allow them to draw-down. For example, someone with a £100,000 property would be allowed £1,200 a year if they were 65, £2,400 a year for 75-year-olds and £4,800 for 85-year-olds.

The Lambeth is wary of allowing people to borrow too much as a lump sum from the outset. The interest compounds away, and the debt can easily overtake the value of the property.

Thus after 15 years, the 65-year-old taking out £1,200 a year and living in a property valued at £100,000 at the outset would — assuming property inflation of 5 per cent and a mortgage rate of 13.5 per cent — have taken £18,000, and would have an outstanding loan of £50,511. But the value of the property would have risen to £197,993, so the loan would only represent slightly more than 25 per cent of the property value.

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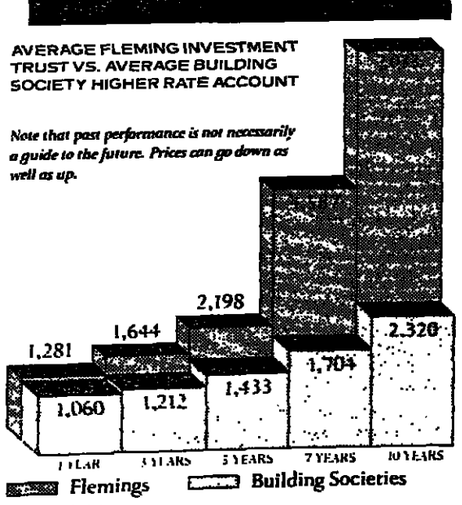
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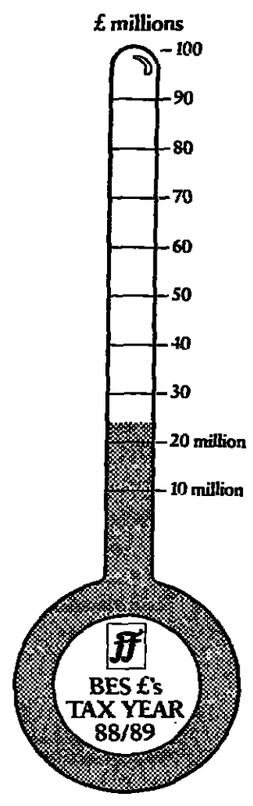
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Mr Chris Hatry, pensions director at L&G admits that if the market moves against the company, it – and ultimately shareholders or other policyholders – could face a loss.

However, the company's investment managers expect to use the futures and options markets to hedge their risk. Mr Hatry says that investors are still nervous about committing money to the stock market and the company believes that a fund with an element of guarantee will encourage them. The Guaranteed Equity Fund has a limited subscription period, for a single lump sum premium, ending on February 28, but L&G reserves the right to close it before that date if the market changes.

The returns from the fund will depend on the index performance from March 1 this year, to March 1 1990. L&G may launch a second guaranteed fund next year, but if not investors will have to switch to an alternative fund.

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Mrs Michelle Barber, personal investments director at L&G, adds: "UK shares are good value at the moment. But there are uncertainties



Barber: 'shares are good value now'

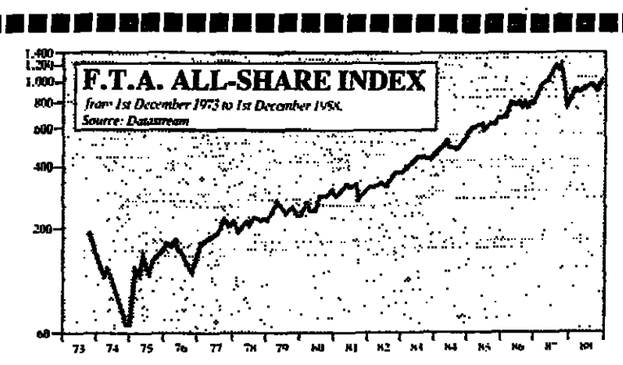
over high interest rates, rising inflation, and the trade deficit."

However, one year is a short time in the life of the stock market and pension contracts. Mr Jonathan Phillips, a director of Wyatt Personal Financial Services, says he is not enthusiastic about the idea of young people starting a scheme with this type of fund. With up to 30 years or more to ride out the market they would be better to go straight into a managed fund, where money is invested in a mixture of equities, gilts and property.

He prefers guaranteed structures for older people, looking for a safe haven for funds about to mature. Save & Prosper launched a savings and investment scheme called Sharesafe in 1987, which offered to return investors' money while giving an exposure to the market – 50 per cent of any rise in the FT-SE 100 index.

Because of the crash, investors did not make a profit and Mr Ken Emery, of S&P admits investors were disappointed to have lost interest. "I am not sure that the market is right for one-year contracts of this type," he says.

Maria Scott



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Still lots of scope for tax plans

It is a widespread fallacy that there is little scope for creative tax planning any more, although it is easy to see the reasons why this misapprehension has taken hold.

Mr Nigel Lawson's last Budget largely completed the process, begun in 1984, of broadening the tax base so that rates of tax could be reduced.

In the 1970s, the nominal rate of tax might have been 98 per cent, but only a very few extremely wealthy (or ill-advised) people paid at this rate, since there were so many "tax breaks." The current policy is to keep the system simple – keep deductions to the minimum, so that people actually pay tax at the nominal rate.

The courts have also played their part. A series of House of Lords decisions, starting with the 1981 Ramsay case, mean there is little point in relying on artificial tax schemes.

Despite these trends, there is often a great deal which can be achieved by sensible long-term planning.

The last Budget abolished relief for deeds of covenant effected after March 14 1988, (unless they were made in favour of charities). This brought to an end a very widely-used way in which parents took advantage of their children's tax allowances to cover part of the living costs while the children were at university or college. However, it is possible to obtain the same relief in a slightly more complicated way.

The key is to create a settlement under which your son or daughter is entitled to the income for a period which is capable of exceeding six years and to transfer investments to the trustees of that settlement. The formula

There is little point in relying on artificial tax schemes

which determines the period can be identical to that used in deeds of covenant:

Your daughter. . . shall be entitled to all income arising to the trustees for a period of seven years or until she ceases to be in receipt of full-time education, whichever be the shorter period.

The income of the settlement for this period will belong to your son or daughter for basic rate tax purposes, although the trustees will be taxed in the first instance and your son or daughter will have to file a repayment claim. When the period has elapsed, the settlement will come to an end and the capital will revert to you.

You, as settler (ie, the person who created the settlement), will be assessable for higher rate purposes, in that the Inland Revenue will charge 15 per cent of the settlement income. However, there is no real change here, as payments under non-charitable deeds of covenant were not allowed for higher rate purposes: the net effect is precisely the same.

No stamp duty or capital gains tax need be payable on setting up such a settlement, or on transferring assets to the trustees. An election under section 78 of the Finance Act 1981 may be necessary for capital gains tax purposes. No inheritance tax will be payable on the creation of the settlement or when the settlement comes to an end.

How do you go about creating such a settlement? Unfortunately, there is no standard form, so you will need to consult a solicitor. However, a one-off charge of, say, £250 will be recouped many times over if you have, for example, three children who will be undergoing higher education, and they can recover income tax of nearly £600 per annum.

For example, if you presently have investments worth £20,000 which produce income of £2,000 per annum. As a 40 per cent taxpayer, you have net spendable income of £1,200.

If you set up a settlement of this nature, your son or daughter will receive net income of £1,500. However, they can recover £500 if they have no other taxable income. On the other hand, you may be assessed for tax purposes at 15 per cent on £2,000 ie, tax payable of £300. Nevertheless, your family will be at least £500 a year better off.

In the past, deeds of covenant have been used to

A great deal can be achieved by sensible planning

transfer income to an elderly relative in order to make use of his or her tax allowance. This will be at least £3,180 if he or she is aged over 65 and has no income apart from the state retirement pension, and if no action is taken, more than £1,000 of this allowance will go to waste. As a family, you may be throwing away tax relief of between £250 and £400 a year!

One approach is to set up a settlement, but another technique may be more appropriate here. Suppose you have a widowed mother and you anticipate having to contribute £25 per month to her upkeep. You earn more than £25,000, so you are subject to 40 per cent tax. This means that you have to earn £500 per annum in order to be able to pay your mother £25 per month. However, there is a way of providing your mother with this income *and* getting tax relief of £2,000.

The way to do this is to invest £5,000 in one of the syndicates which invest in enterprise zone properties. You can deduct the cost of this investment from your taxable income, so the true cost to you will be only £3,000. You then give the investment to your mother. This can be done without your forfeiting the tax relief that you have enjoyed.

She will receive a guaranteed rental income of about £300 per annum which will be tax-free as it is covered by her personal allowance. In due course, you will probably receive the investment back under your mother's will – meanwhile, it will have provided a 10 per cent return on your net outlay.

Do-it-yourself tax planning can be dangerous. You will need professional help in making the necessary elections and agreeing the position with the Inland Revenue. However, despite the widespread simplification there are no grounds for despondency (or complacency). There is plenty of scope for tax planning yet.

Tony Foreman

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Maria Scott hears how and why National Savings Capital Bonds are being 'knowingly undersold'

A case of heightened interest


Lawson: introduced Capital Bonds

National Savings has been underselling its new Capital Bond, according to research by accountants Coopers & Lybrand. The yield on the bond will be higher than the rates quoted by National Savings — especially for higher rate taxpayers.

The reason, Coopers & Lybrand says, is that National Savings has adopted a conservative approach on tax calculations.

According to tax legislation, interest paid gross from a number of sources — including the gross-paying National Savings products — is taxed on a preceding year basis. This means that tax is calculated in the first two years on the actual interest earned. But from the third year, until the last two years the investment is held, the tax is based on interest earned in the previous year. In the case of the Capital Bond — a five-year investment — this means that tax in the third year is based on interest paid in the second.

This would not have much impact were it not for the fact that the interest paid on the bond is sharply raked — from 5.5 per cent in the first year, to 8.5 per cent in the second, 11.5 in the third, 14.5 in the fourth and 20.6 per cent in the final year.

This is all part of the design to persuade investors to keep their money in the bond for the full five years.

The bond was launched at the Tory party conference last year by the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, and was heralded as a way of encouraging savings without the Government giving away too many tax breaks.

An investment of £1,000 by a basic rate taxpayer would bring a tax bill over five years of £180.12, compared with £190.61 if tax had been calculated on actual interest all the way along. For a 40 per cent taxpayer the bill would be £288.19, compared with £304.97 — a "saving" of £16.78.

The tax treatment of the bond means that returns are potentially 9.61 per cent for a basic rate taxpayer, and 8.07 per cent for a higher rate payer, says Coopers. These figures compare with the 9 per cent and 7.2 per cent, respectively, being quoted by National Savings.

Coopers' calculation does not assume that the investor borrows money to pay the tax, although all income on the bond is rolled up and paid at the end of the term, while the tax has to be paid annually.

National Savings confirmed that it assumed an element of borrowing. A spokesman said it had also assumed that tax was charged on actual interest earned each year. "We take the conservative view because individual circumstances vary," he said. "We would not want to present the best possible view of the yield because it might not apply to some people."

Miss Cathy Gordon, head of personal financial planning at Coopers, says: "Capital Bonds are likely to be a good investment for non-taxpayers. They may also be attractive to anyone not requiring an immediate income. In addition, for the majority of taxpayers, the net rates of return compare favourably with other equivalent forms of investment."

The bond has been a success. It took in £45 million in the first three weeks and is now drawing in nearly £20 million a week. National Savings says the 12 per cent rate is an introductory "special offer" and it could be withdrawn at any time.

OFT reports points to rapid increase in funeral costs

A recent report from the Office of Fair Trading shows that funeral costs are racing well ahead of inflation. Undertakers' bills have increased by 28 per cent more than inflation since 1975. Average costs are now nudging the £600 mark but some funerals cost nearer £1,000.

The report also noted that up to three-quarters of all undertakers had broken the National Association of Funeral Directors' Code, which requires that price lists should be available in each office, and that estimates of total cost should always be provided.

In 1987 the Government abolished the universal Death Grant — worth a mere £30 — in favour of more generous grants from the Social Fund, often for the total cost of the funeral, targeted at those on a low income.

To qualify, claimants must be the person who has taken responsibility for the funeral arrangements, and must be in receipt of a "qualifying benefit" — Income Support, Housing Benefit, or Family Credit.

Items which can be covered by a funeral payment are set out in regulations, providing the costs are "reasonable." However, the payment may be reduced if:

- There is money immediately available from the dead person's estate — once the estate has gone through probate, some or all of the grant may have to be repaid. However, any property or personal possessions left to a widow or widower will not be counted as part of the estate, and will not be used to pay any money back to the Social Fund.
- There is money available from any insurance policies or charities, or from friends or relatives of the claimant or the deceased.
- The claimant — or his or her partner — has savings greater than £500.

The funeral payment is intended to help towards the cost of a simple funeral held within the United Kingdom. The payment can include the reasonable cost of flowers, plus travel expenses incurred for one return journey made to arrange or to attend the funeral.

Claims for funeral expenses should be made on Form SF200, which is available from local Social Security offices, within three months of the funeral. If the deceased leaves any estate, the cost of the funeral can be reclaimed.

The OFT report also suggests that people should consider making their own funeral arrangements in advance. For those who are able to afford the payments, Chosen Heritage Limited offers pre-arranged pre-paid funerals. There is a choice of "Traditional" at £715 or "Simplicity" at £525 — which can be paid in instalments.

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Haynes: Choice manager

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Vivien Goldsmith

Petition over Property Club

By Tony Hetherington

The Department of Trade is to petition the High Court to wind up Property Club Sales, the Wiltshire holiday company. The petition, which has been set down for hearing on February 1, is made under Section 440 of the Companies Act, which allows the Secretary of State to request the compulsory winding-up of any company if he believes this would be in the public interest.

An investigation by *The Times* last October found that Property Club Sales was offering holidays for life in Tenerife and the Algarve. However, Mr Jeffrey Coates, the man behind the company, was unable to produce evidence that any property was owned by the Club.

In addition to marketing membership of the Club, Mr Coates offered franchises to would-be local representatives who paid £4,500 to sell the scheme, drawing a commission for each new member signed up.

More than 20 area franchises were sold before some investors complained that properties pictured in Club brochures did not in fact belong to the Club.

The Times also found that Property Club was being pusrued by a long list of creditors claiming payment for company formation and banking expenses, accountancy fees, office services, computer equipment, promotional films and brochure design.

Coates claimed the complaints against him and the Club were the work of "a small number of dissidents," who were "making statements that are totally untrue."

This week a Department of Trade spokesman said: "The winding-up petition follows an investigation under Section 447 of the Companies Act, and pending hearing of the petition the Official Receiver has been appointed as provisional liquidator."

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NATIONAL MUTUAL	1	—	—
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE	1	—	—
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6 May '64	–	–	£1,000	£1,000
1965	£40	£38	1,020	1,000
1970	46	49	1,076	1,000
1975	83	72	1,630	1,000
1980	166	103	2,428	1,000
1985	228	87	6,516	1,000
25 JAN '89	–	–	11,286	1,000

NOTES All income figures shown are net of basic-rate tax. The Building Society income figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics). M&G Dividend capital figures are all realisation values. £1,000 invested in M&G Dividend Fund income units on 25th January 1984 would have produced an income of £77 in 1988 and the capital would have grown to £2,373 by 25th January 1989. *Estimated for the year.

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23 May '69	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
1970	1,176	857	1,080
1975	2,640	1,112	1,466
1980	10,256	1,729	2,154
1985	27,080	4,947	3,240
25 JAN '89	63,736	7,557	4,061*

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics). M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values. An investment of £1,000 in M&G Recovery Fund on 25th January 1984 would have grown to £3,307 by 25th January 1989 with net income reinvested. *Estimated.

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Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G SECOND	F.T. ORDINARY INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
5 June '56	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
1960	1,952	2,008	1,167
1965	3,132	2,623	1,397
1970	4,648	3,054	1,742
1975	7,984	3,962	2,366
1980	19,540	6,160	3,476
1985	54,600	17,624	5,229
25 JAN '89	100,648	26,922	6,554*

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FURTHER INFORMATION On 25th January 1989 offered prices and estimated gross current yields were

	Income	Accumulation	Yield	Spread
Recovery	614·8p xd	842·5p	4·08%	5.43%
Dividend	596·7p	1923·2p	4·92%	5.43%
SECOND	1029.1p xd	2169·3p	3·31%	6.10%

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M&G Dividend	2,351	10,029	29,196
M&G SECOND	2,179	8,589	24,870
Building Society	1,821	4,554	8,579

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Investment company's sales methods under scrutiny by Fimbra

High-yield firm investigated

Fimbra, the investor protection body, is investigating the sales methods of a small investment company based in Hertfordshire after the appearance of false and misleading advertising in an English-language newspaper in Spain with a a wide circulation among British expatriates.

Alexander Investments Trading Limited is also being asked to explain why, when its only known office is in a private house in the village of Wareside, potential investors in Britain are contacted from a London address by a man who is not a Fimbra member or registered as a representative of Alexanders.

Alexanders offers an equity and income protection plan with a target yield of 20 per cent a year. The high yield is said to be possible by the expert use of call options.

The scheme involves an investment of at least £10,000 in one holding of blue chip shares. Options are then sold to a potential purchaser who pays a premium for the right to buy the shares during a fixed period at a pre-determined price. If the shares rocket, the holder of the option exercises the right to buy and makes an instant profit. If the shares fall, or rise only a little, the holder of the option will let it lapse and the original investor will keep both his shares and the money paid for the option.

While there is no risk other than the normal one that shares can fall in value, it requires expert timing to generate a return as high as 20 per cent after expenses – and without falling into the trap of selling an option just before the share price rises and makes it inevitable that the option will be exercised.

According to an advertisement published in *The Entertainer*, a respected newspaper based in Almeria: "The plan is fully approved under the UK government's Financial Services Act 1987, and regulated by both FIMBRA and IMRO." The advertisement has the Fimbra logo at the head.

Immediately above it is an unsigned article which claims: "To date, £2 million of Iberian investment has gone into the fund." The scheme's 20 per cent target yield is "made even more desirable by its rating as a Fimbra approved fund."

However, inquiries by *The Times* have revealed:

- Neither Fimbra nor the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, (Imro) regulates the plan.
- The use of Fimbra's name and logo to imply approval of the scheme breaches Fimbra rules.
- The sole director of Alexander Investments Trading admits the fund has attracted nowhere near £2 million.
- The Financial Services Act (1986, not 1987) does not set out to approve investment plans, only to establish a regulatory framework for those offering them to the public.

Alexanders is headed by Mr Paul Brigden, a chartered accountant, and is said to be based at his home in Hertfordshire. But potential investors are contacted by Mr Richard Hexton, who operates the London School of Investment in Gloucester Road, Kensington. Mr Hexton also runs Noble Investments Limited, which is said to advise Alexanders on the operation of the options plan. Noble is not a Fimbra member but holds interim authorization from the Securities and Investments Board, pending a decision by Fimbra on its application for membership. This was lodged more than 10 months ago and is still being considered.

However, Mr Hexton recently told an investor replying to an Alexander advertisement: "Noble Investments is a Fimbra-approved company for managing the account...you are Fimbra-approved all the way down the line."

He continued: "Alexander is in what is called the C3 category; they are actually allowed to hold money on your behalf."

Yet Fimbra said: "Noble Investments is not a Fimbra member. It is not approved by Fimbra. Alexanders is in our C1 category. C3 is for the full scope of activities we regulate."

Mr Hexton told *The Times* his company was an "interim member" of Fimbra. Mr Brigden agreed that Alexander Investments Trading Limited, of which he is director, held C1 status. "We are waiting for C3 to come through."

Mr John Morgan, Imro's chief executive, said: "We have no knowledge of these people. We take a serious view of their use of our name."

Mr Brigden disowned the advertisement and accompanying article in *The Entertainer*. The fund had attracted "nothing like" £2 million. "It was an unacceptable form of advertisement. It indicated the plan had been going for quite a while, and it hasn't. We have written to the chap who actually put the advertisement in, and asked for all further advertisements to be referred to us." Mr Brigden was "not 100 per cent sure" who had placed the advertisement. "Our agents in Spain, International Securities Limited, knew about it."

In fact, the advertisement and article were submitted by Mr Patrick Knowles, a Marbella-based British businessman, says the paper's financial correspondent, Mr Bill Blevins. Mr Blevins says the paper has a policy of refusing advertising from any company which is not a member of one of the City watchdog bodies or the Gibraltar equivalent. "We previously refused advertising, but when it was confirmed that Alexander Investments was indeed a Fimbra company, there was no real reason to refuse."

Mr Knowles says that the offending advertisement and false claims in the article were "a mistake." " We have actually done a lot of work to rectify it. "The wrong article was delivered by a member of staff who was no longer employed by him.

Mr Knowles said Alexanders was wrong in saying it was represented in Spain by International Securities Ltd. "There is no such company," he said. "It is City Securities SA."

Mr Mike Connolly, editor of *The Entertainer*, said the first fax he received from Mr Knowles was from International Securities.

The SIB, Fimbra, and Imro have all looked into claims made by Alexander Investments and its agents recently. They are concerned at the apparent ease with which a fully authorized British investment company could be misrepresented, with or without its knowledge, in claims made by third parties.

Tony Hetherington

BRIEFINGS

■ Details of the changes to the maintenance payments system, announced in last year's Budget, have been published by the Inland Revenue. Copies of the leaflet, number IR77, are available from local tax offices.

■ National & Provincial Building Society plans to take the sting out of the increase in mortgage payments for the 90 per cent of its borrowers who pay through its budget plan. For them, monthly payments rise steeply next month. But people with endowments now have the option to spread the extra they owe over the remaining years of the mortgage or over two years. Borrowers with repayment mortgages can extend the term up to 30 years or the extra they owe over the life of the existing loan.

■ The Government's proposals for reform of the legal profession has prompted a reminder from Allianz Legal Protection about an existing source of help with legal costs. The company says that its Personal Lawplan policy provides 24-hour access to a legal telephone advice service and £50,000 of cover against personal injury, motoring, consumer, home rights and employment problems. The premium is £68 a year.



Pandaring to the children

■ **A children's account, called World Savers, linked to donations to the World Wide Fund for Nature has been launched by the National Westminster Bank. The bank will donate £1 for every World Savers account opened and 0.5 per cent of annual balances. Children aged seven and over become full members, entitled to gifts including a Royal Mint medal – stamped with the image of an endangered animal – a membership card giving discounts on entry to selected wildlife parks, theme parks and museums. Gifts for children under seven include a Panda money box (above) and a paying-in book cover.**

■ Six months after the personal pensions legislation came into force, there are still 150 insurance companies waiting for the wording of their contracts to be approved by the Inland Revenue. In the meantime, the companies have interim approval and clients' money goes into a tax-free fund and they are entitled to tax relief just as if the plan was fully approved. But one customer of Norwich Union was upset that he has not received his documentation and was not given a full explanation of what had happened to his money in the meantime. "I still don't know whether or not I actually have a pension," he protested. The Inland Revenue and the insurance companies are confident that all will go smoothly and all will eventually receive full approval, but clients are being kept in the dark.

■ With inflation rising, the National Savings fourth issue index-linked certificates are looking increasingly attractive. These give a guaranteed tax-free return of 4.04 per cent on average over five years, plus the inflation rate. So, with inflation at 6.8 per cent, they are paying an extremely competitive 10.84 per cent. The minimum investment is £25 and the maximum £5,000.

Buyer's market in the mortgage maze

Figures from the Building Societies Association this week confirmed that demand for mortgages has slumped.

New lending fell to £2.23 billion in December – the lowest figure for any month since January 1987.

More evidence that it is now a buyer's market for houses and mortgages is seen in the plethora of special schemes being offered to tempt people into borrowing.

Schemes launched this week include:

BNP Mortgages, formerly Chemical Bank Home Loans, eight separate schemes, including mortgages to buy second properties, mortgages in francs for properties in France, bridging loans and loans for expatriates.

Chemical Bank is also giving discounts off its normal rate of 13.75 per cent for loans of £60,000 and more until June 30. Loans of between £60,000 and £100,000 receive a 0.5 per cent cut and those above £100,000 a 0.75 per cent cut. The reduction lasts for the first 12 months of the loan.

Midland Bank is offering a fixed rate mortgage at 12.5 per cent, which applies until March 30, 1991.

The Woolwich Building Society is offering a fixed rate of 12.5 per cent over two years. Like the Midland's it must be linked to an endowment or pension policy.

The Woolwich also has a plan which reduces the cost of a loan in the first two years. Borrowers pay interest only in those years plus premiums on a mortgage protection policy. After two years they take out a conventional endowment policy with the option to spread that over 25 or 23 years.

UCB has set new rates on its fixed rate schemes. Its conventional five-year rate is 12.6 per cent, from February 1. On Leo II, the scheme which combines a fixed rate with deferral of interest, the rate rises by 1 per cent a year – from 9.6 per cent in the first year to 12.6 in the fourth.

The graduated payment plan, which also combines the fixed rate with deferred interest, starts at 9.10 per cent. It then rises by 0.5 per cent a year to 11.10 per cent in the fifth year.

National Westminster Bank has launched a package for first-time buyers. The offer applies to applications received by the bank up to March 29, and includes a free valuation report and discounts of up to £400 on household goods from a number of retailers.

Sussex County Building Society is offering a 1 per cent discount to first-time buyers for the first year of their mortgages from February. Based on the society's current standard rate, this will bring interest for first timers down to 12.65 per cent.

From April, the Sussex will offer a "drawdown" facility, allowing borrowers to arrange in advance to draw on equity tied up in their homes.

John Charcol, the mortgage broker, has a new "payment holiday" mortgage allowing borrowers to postpone mortgage payments for three or six months after completion of a purchase. The deferred payments are added to the loan.

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Curing relocation blues

A new survey shows companies often cannot persuade their staff to relocate

Hugh Thompson seeks the reasons why

Each year 250,000 workers and their families move home because of their jobs. Yet despite relocation consultants and high unemployment, a Price Waterhouse/CBI survey showed that companies are spectacularly unsuccessful at convincing staff to move.

Mr Allan Cairns, head of Price Waterhouse's Human Resource consultancy, said: "The main reason workers do not follow jobs to new locations is due to uncertainty and domestic disruption, better career opportunities in the South-east and the appreciation on high-value homes."

When NEC Electronics moved its sales office in Motherwell, Strathclyde, to Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, it offered a good relocation package, promotion and higher salaries. It achieved 80 per cent success. Mr Bob Giddy, NEC's general manager, said: "It far exceeded our expectations. The house price difference between Motherwell and Milton Keynes was only 12 per cent."



Looking to the future: Des Owens of NEC, now settled in Newport Pagnell with his family

Mr Des Owens is NEC's accounting manager who moved from Airdrie to Newport Pagnell with his wife and two children. "Although we were anxious, especially about my wife leaving a large family and friends, I enjoyed my job and didn't want to find another. I was most impressed with the schools and was aware that when the children leave school they may have more opportunities down south."

Moving from Scotland to the South-east is less typical than the Law Society which last year moved its Training and Records offices from the City to Redditch, Worcestershire. It moved 94 jobs but only 30 of its workers. Mr Geoff Bignall, assistant secretary general said: "Overall, it is not very impressive, but 50 per cent of the senior staff moved. While a senior executive might say its good for my career and make the move, junior staff can make no such argument when they feel there are more opportunities in London."

To encourage mobility, the Inland Revenue makes certain tax concessions on moving expenses. Mr Russell Thoms, a managing consultant at Price Waterhouse, said: "A firm can make an interest-free bridging loan to an employee to move and the Revenue allows it to be tax-free. It can pay a tax-free allowance over nine years up to £18,000 to soften higher costs in a new area and other expenses are tax-free.

Portfolio PLUS Accumulator

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 21).

Stock	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Week's Total
1	+7	+3	+6	+3	+1	
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3	+3	+8	+6	+8	+4	
4	+6	+4	+5	+5	+2	
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42	+5	+2	+2	+4	+6	
43	+6	+4	+3	+6	+2	
44	+4	+5	+9	+9	+6	

Treating the ills of the elderly

When the review of the National Health Service is unveiled on Tuesday it is expected to announce tax incentives for private health insurance payments by the elderly.

The insurance companies welcome the chance to expand, but organizations such as Age Concern and the British Medical Association believe only a small number of elderly people will benefit from the changes.

Although about 5.7 million people are covered by private health insurance schemes, many feel unable to continue on retirement even though they are far more likely to be needing health care.

The past few years have seen an increasing number of insurance companies targeting schemes specifically at elderly people, or extending existing schemes to cover higher age groups.

In 1983, Private Patients Plan started Retirement Health Plan with the aim of providing protection from long NHS waiting lists – more than half on the lists are over 55. So with PPP, subscribers can claim for treatment in a private hospital only if they can not be treated within six weeks under the NHS.

Other companies quickly followed PPP's example (see table) so the elderly now have a much larger, and at times bewildering, choice – at a price. It is impossible to make an exact comparison because every scheme offers slightly different benefits – and exclusions – but as the table shows, even the apparently most cut-price deal, the new Senior Prime Care with its no-claims discount of 27½ per cent for everyone aged 65 or over, is still beyond the reach of most pensioners.

There are about 10 million people over 60 in Britain. Almost half depend for at least three quarters of their income on state pensions and benefits. Only about one third – 2.6 million over 65 – pay tax. So for the majority the tax incentives are meaningless.

Mrs Sally Greengross, Age Concern director, said, even those elderly people who can afford health insurance, will find themselves excluded from crucial areas of health care such as long-term care in hospital or convalescence.

The elderly are the main users of the health service but no health insurance scheme gives cover for chronic conditions. The financial limits only allow a few weeks in-patient care, and usually no more than two or three days home nursing. Many elderly stay in hospital long-term because there is not the right support in their own homes.

The insurance companies agree that their schemes will not benefit the majority of elderly people living on meagre pensions. They are keen to expand and they stress the good work they do speeding up NHS waiting lists.

The main beneficiaries of such schemes must be reasonably healthy old people needing operations such as hip replacements or cataracts. They are buying a better quality of life, in terms of being treated more quickly and in the more comfortable surroundings of private hospitals.

Lindsay Knight

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(no upper age limit)	£451.20 pa	£406.80 pa
Health First Prompt Care Plus	£55.74 monthly	*£37.84 monthly
(up to age 75yrs)	£631.20 pa	£428.40 pa
Senior Prime Care	£41.30 monthly	*£25.40 monthly
(up to age 75yrs)	£458.20 pa	£281.70 pa
WPA Health Contract	£57.54 monthly	£35.02 monthly
(up to age 101yrs)	£657.64 pa	£400.20 pa
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Consortia aim to provide the advantages of cellular network at lower cost

Pocket phones leap the generation gap

Starship Enterprise-style equipment has arrived with the go-ahead for high-tech cordless telephones. Robert Matthews looks at a revolution in telecommunications

The sight of people talking into small plastic boxes bearing a striking resemblance to the communicators used in Captain Kirk's *Star Trek* will become commonplace from this summer.

For this week saw the launch of what is likely to prove a revolution in the way we communicate.

On Thursday, Lord Young, the Trade Secretary, gave four industry consortia the go-ahead to set up national networks for pocket-sized telephones which have many of the advantages of cellular phones, but at a fraction of the cost.

Based on so-called CT2 technology (second generation cordless telephones), the phones will retail at about £170 and enable calls to be made from anywhere within a few hundred yards of a CT2 "base station", thousands of which will be installed in rail stations, shopping centres and other public places around the country.

These base stations will connect the calls to the conventional telephone network, and route it through to any destination in the world. London, Manchester and Birmingham are likely to be the first cities to be connected up.

The shape of the technology at the centre of this revolution went on show in November, when Shaye Communications, of Winchester, East Sussex, one of the companies now awarded an operating licence, revealed the first model of a CT2 handset.

In stark constrast to the brick-like cellular phone, it is virtually the apotheosis of high-tech gadgetry. It is small, weighs less than 6oz, and is packed with electronics.

The production version, scheduled to reach the shops in early summer, will use digital electronics to give very high speech quality, and the risk of someone listening in is much less.

According to Shaye, calls will cost about the same as those from a public phone box, and much less than those using cellular phones. Subscribers will be charged a connection fee of about £35, and then monthly charges of about £7.

However, the low cost of the system has been obtained at a technological price — CT2 phones cannot receive calls.

The far more expensive cellular telephone network is controlled by a sophisticated computer system which can take calls, track down their destination, and route them through to a moving target virtually anywhere in Britain.

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The CT2 network has no such call connection system — if the handset is moving around, the network has no way of telling where to put calls through to.

The absence of such a system also means that calls cannot be made from moving vehicles.

There is a significant advantage in having a much simpler network, however. It is far easier, and less expensive, to expand.

This could give CT2 a key advantage over the cellular network, which has been the subject of increasing dissatisfaction in recent months because of overcrowding.

Callers complain of being cut off in mid-call, or being unable to get through altogether.

Racal Vodafone, one of the two cellular network operators, admitted in August that one in eight calls was failing to connect, with the rate being even higher in some particularly congested areas.

After months of pleading by Racal and its rival Cellnet, Lord Young said that the Ministry of Defence had agreed to give the cellular network some of its own frequency channels to ease the problem.

Faced with a similar congestion problem, the CT2 operators could solve it virtually overnight by simply installing more of the low-cost base stations.

It seems, therefore, that there is a much lower risk of the CT2 operators becoming victims of their own success.

As with many emerging technologies, CT2 has had to face the problem of working out a single standard for the system, enabling any handset to work with any base station.

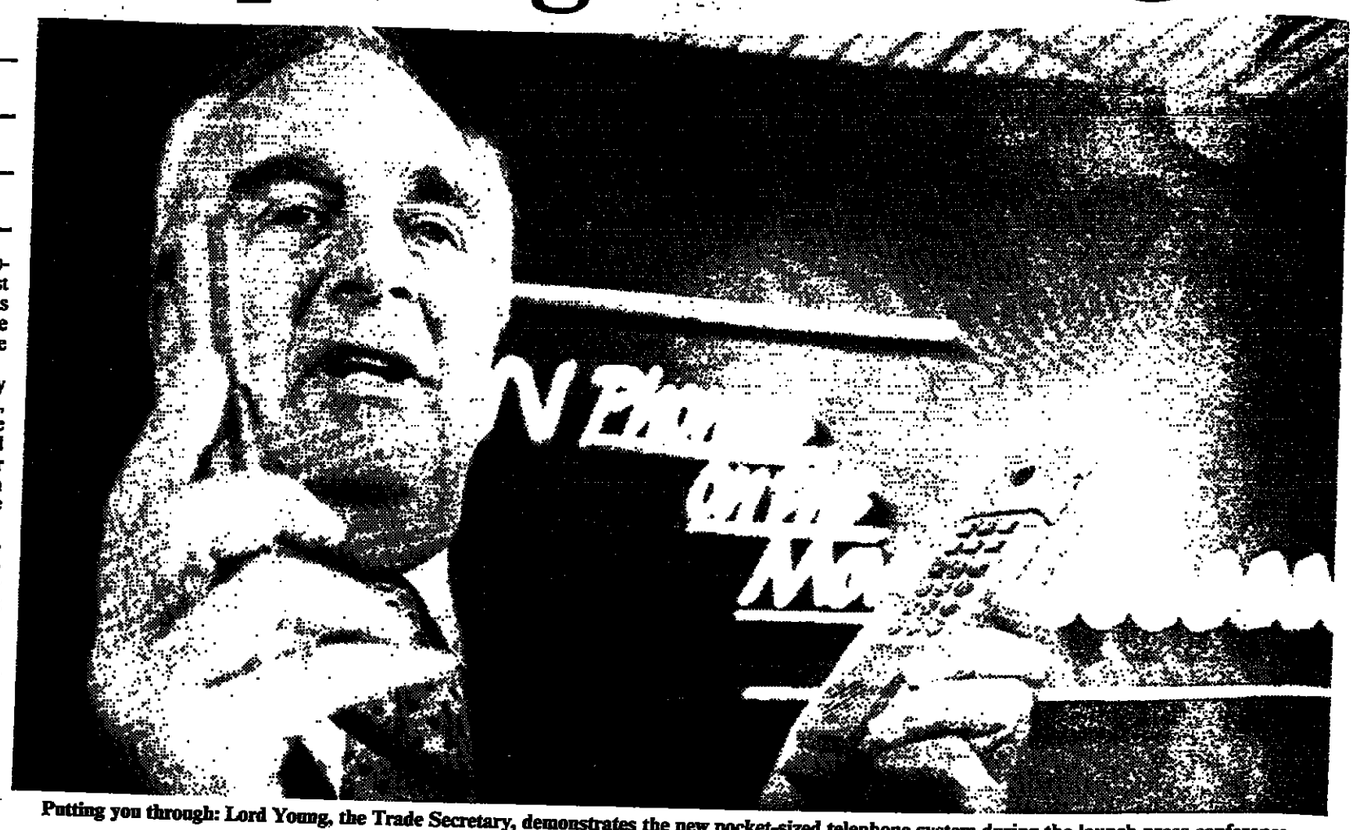
Lord Young said last week that the CT2 industry must have its "common air interface" standard in place by mid-1991.

The phone manufacturers say that those who want to join the CT2 revolution at the outset need not fear being left with obsolete technology two years later.

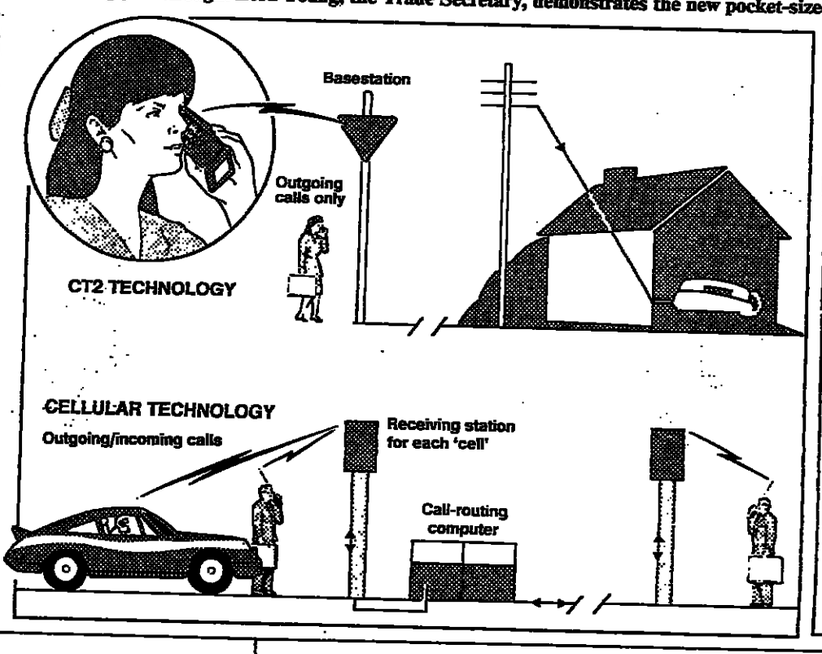
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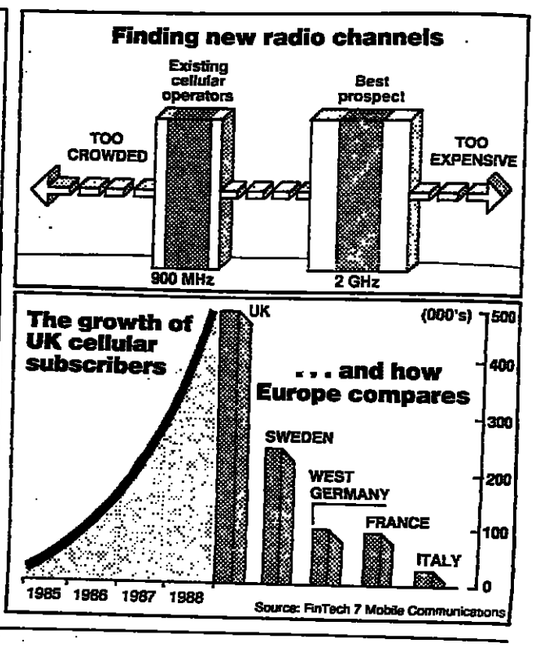
Once the British network is set up, the four licence holders — BT/STC, Mercury/Shaye, Ferranti, and a group including Philips, Barclays and Shell — will be looking to take the technology abroad, where, if the growth of cellular is anything to go by, the market potential is vast.

As Mr Terry West, a director with STC Telecommunications, said: "The UK is the first in this telecommunication field, and the eyes of Europe and the US are on our experiences."



Putting you through: Lord Young, the Trade Secretary, demonstrates the new pocket-sized telephone system during the launch press conference





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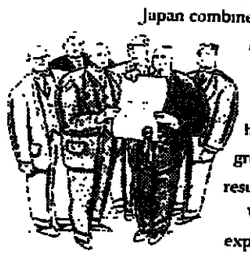
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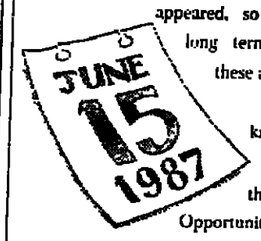
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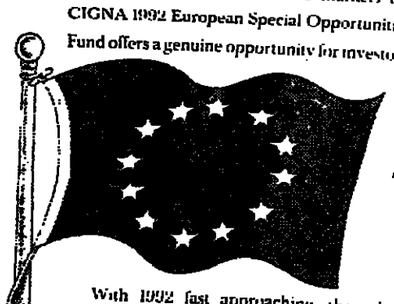
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Rimsky and his mighty handful



Famous Five: from left, Modest Mussorgsky, dissolute alcoholic; Mily Balakirev, mentally unhinged prodigy; Rimsky-Korsakov, musical midshipman; Alexander Borodin, sexually precocious son of a prince; and César Cui, talented military engineer

This spring the London Symphony Orchestra, under Michael Tilson Thomas, performs a series of concerts featuring the music of Rimsky-Korsakov and his friends. Because the group were known in Russia as "the mighty handful", in Britain they were called, too literally, "the Five". As ***Richard Morrison*** *explains, it was only one of many misunderstandings*



Few composers have enjoyed such mass popularity or suffered such savage vilification as Nikolay Andreyevich Rimsky-Korsakov. If he had written nothing except *Sheherazade* and *The Flight of the Bumblebee*, his fame would be assured. So would his notoriety. No sooner had Rimsky's music swept through the musical world of the 1880s and 1890s than a wave of jealousy followed. The English composer Sir Hubert Parry (who wrote *Jerusalem*) was one of many who took him to task – rather as if Rimsky had used unsporting tactics on the cricket field. Certain Russian composers, sniffed Parry, "appealed to the musical masses by vehement emotional spontaneity, orgiastic frenzy, barbaric rhythm and unrestrained abandonment to physical excitement".

Rimsky's reputation as some kind of psyched-up savage has never died. The British musicologist Wilfrid Mellers, for instance, tells us that Rimsky's "technical expertise is succeeded only by his spiritual nullity . . . he had no interest in human beings". He is talking about a man who spent years rescuing Mussorgsky's chaotically jumbled manuscripts from posthumous oblivion; who befriended Tchaikovsky when he was shunned; who, as music professor at the St Petersburg Conservatoire, sided with his students after the 1905 uprising, mainly because he was sickened by Bloody Sunday; who, after the death of his two youngest children in quick succession, withdrew from composition for several years, even though he was at the height of his fame. This is the man with spiritual nullity.

The truth is that Rimsky has been misunderstood because he was an ambiguous character, composing at a kind of fairy-tale tangent to an ambivalent and turbulent era. It was also, and hardly by coincidence, the era of the greatest creative flowering in Russian history. Rimsky's working life overlapped with Tchaikovsky, Borodin, Mussorgsky. His pupils included Stravinsky, Prokofiev and Glazunov. At the Mariinsky Theatre in St Petersburg the seeds of what was to become Diaghilev's Ballets Russes were being sown. Tolstoy and Dostoevsky were bringing unprecedented realism to the novel; Chekhov and Gorky to the stage.

It is to put Rimsky in this context that Michael Tilson Thomas, principal conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra, has devised the concert series "The Flight of the Firebird" – a title intended to draw attention to the link between Rimsky's stage spectacles and the epoch-breaking ballets which his pupil Stravinsky wrote just after Rimsky's death. "In the course of these concerts," Tilson Thomas says, "Rimsky will emerge as a great friend, teacher and orchestrator, and as an extremely innovative composer who not only shaped Russian music but whose influence in France on Ravel and Debussy, and in Italy on Respighi and others, is much more profound than most people realize."

If Rimsky did have this sort of pan-continental influence, it grew from unlikely beginnings. For several years he was a navy officer – and not just an officer-dilettante of the type that gamble and wench through the first 200 pages of *War and Peace*, but a real midshipman who had his first love affair in a Baltic port, and composed the slow movement of his first symphony while his ship had put in for repairs in an English port. It is probably the best music ever written in Gravesend.

But how did a Russian midshipman, untrained in music theory, come to be writing a symphony? The answer is that while he was a cadet in St Petersburg Rimsky had come under the spell of Mily Balakirev, a mentally unhinged but mesmeric musical prodigy who had taken upon himself Glinka's mantle of establishing a Russian national style of composition. Balakirev may have had a homo-erotic attraction to the young sailor Rimsky (as he later had for Tchaikovsky), but Rimsky's response was confined to hero-worship.

In later years Balakirev suffered prolonged breakdowns, during which he mumbled nonsense, and took unsuitable jobs. But in the 1860s he gathered together a circle of young men who, he was convinced, would wipe foreign musical influences from St Petersburg and write Russian nationalist music that would shake the world. Curiously, he was right.

The critic Vladimir Stasov dubbed them the *moguchaya kuchka* – the "mighty handful" – a playful title, since none of them had more than an elementary training in music. Besides Midshipman Rimsky-Korsakov there was the brilliant chemist Alexander Borodin, the bastard son of an elderly Georgian prince. Borodin, with Caucasian good looks, reputedly had his first sexual encounter at the age of nine (writing a polka to commemorate the incident), and as a teenage student in St Petersburg he was thought to have seduced the chambermaid his mother thoughtfully provided to look after him.

He was a chaotic renaissance man – a significant figure in a country which was experiencing a chaotic renaissance. Devoted to his chemical research (which is still respected today) and to his asthmatic wife, he confined mistress and music to odd hours, though complicating matters by telling his wife in detail about his extra-marital dalliances. His apparent obsession with rewriting his symphonies was created not out of any dissatisfaction with his first thoughts, but because he usually lost the original manuscripts. When he died, leaving his *magnum opus*, the opera *Prince Igor*, in a mess of half-complete jottings, it was his loyal chum Rimsky-Korsakov – the man who "had no interest in human beings" – who laboriously put together the pieces.

Then there was the young guards officer Modest Mussorgsky, already slightly alcoholic but clearly possessing a stark musical originality which both terrified and fascinated Rimsky. And there was César Cui, the military engineer. Cui was the son of an officer in Napoleon's army who, uniquely, came to love Russia during the 1812 retreat from Moscow, and stayed. Of the "mighty handful" Cui was probably the least committed to music; in fact he ended up as a general.

In his posthumously published autobiography, *Chronicle of My Musical Life*, Rimsky describes the way that the composers round Balakirev used to meet and consider each other's music – not in the systematic way, but almost piecemeal: That's a nice couple of bars! The next two are boring. The fifth bar has a great chord!

As Michael Tilson Thomas says, "It is in the nature of the St Petersburg composers that they use whatever is featured to maximum effect at that moment, and then move on to something else". That was part of their anti-German rebellion; the other part was the use of folksong.

But the meetings of the St Petersburg composers were not always wholly serious. The existence of pieces like the *Variations on "Chopsticks"*, collectively composed by the "mighty handful" in the late 1870s, suggests that playfulness tempered earnest idealism. The late 1870s, however, was not a period when anyone in St Petersburg laughed very much.

The anarchist bombings culminated in the assassination of Tsar Alexander II in 1881, but only confirmed the government in a policy which – since the 1860s reforms – had instigated greater and greater repression. An estimated 300,000 people were exiled to Siberia in the decade before 1900; and the universities were in almost permanent unrest. Rimsky, who became professor at the St Petersburg Conservatoire in 1871, would have been well aware of this dissident undercurrent.

And that is precisely what has worried his critics ever since, for in the stream of operas that he wrote for the Mariinsky Theatre there is nothing that even hints at the unrest of the times. Legends, invisible cities, pantheistic deities, snow maidens, rainbows, ancient warriors: these are the ingredients of Rimsky's stage works.

Yet Rimsky was not as far out of step with the prevailing philosophy as one might think. Throughout the later 19th century two parallel strands ran through Russian culture. The first, broadly speaking, took its cue from the revered Pushkin ("the aim of poetry is poetry") and tended to divorce art from political activity. The other – whose adherents included Stanislavsky, and the group of St Petersburg painters known as the Wanderers – was much more concerned with influencing the political process.

It was art as escapism versus art as propaganda. Rimsky places himself firmly in the escapist camp. "You would scarcely find anyone in the world who believes less in everything supernatural, fantastic, or beyond the boundaries of death than I do – yet as an artist I love this sort of thing . . . Art is the most enchanting, intoxicating lie."

Yet in a curious way Rimsky's mystical fables, with their random happenings, did reflect the way in which Russian intellectuals thought themselves trapped. As early as 1854 the leading dissident writer Peter Chaadaev had written: "Russia is like no other country. It is submissive to the will, caprice, fantasy, of a single man. It is the embodiment of arbitrariness". The tragic farce of the Crimean War added to the fatalism prevalent in Russia: if anything could go hideously wrong, it would.

So if grotesque things happened on the stage of the Mariinsky, an audience of intelligentsia would consider them no more unbelievable than what was happening outside on the St Petersburg streets. In 1904 the critic and painter Alexander Benois described Russia as "the corpse that can be galvanized no more". Two years later Rimsky wrote his last opera, *The Golden Cockerel* may seem absurd today, depicting a monarchy acting according to some surreal and unintelligible system of logic – but it was premiered at about the time that the mad monk Rasputin gained control over the Tsar's household.

To portray Rimsky as a prophet would be stretching matters too

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Among the performers are (clockwise from top left) Sir Georg Solti, Kyung Wha Chung, Murray Perahia and Itzhak Perlman

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Sunday 30 April 7.30pm: Barbican Centre
FLIGHT OF THE FIREBIRD
Rimsky-Korsakov to Stravinsky
RIMSKY-KORSAKOV Dubinushka
BALAKIREV Russia
CUI Intermezzo Scherzando from Suite Concertante for Violin and Orchestra
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MUSSORGSKY Prelude to "Sorochintsy Fair"
RIMSKY-KORSAKOV Sadko
GLAZUNOV Violin Concerto
PROKOFIEV Scythian Suite
Conductor: **Michael Tilson Thomas**
Violin: **Dmitry Sitkovetsky**
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Sunday 7 May 7.30pm: Barbican Centre
FLIGHT OF THE FIREBIRD
Rimsky-Korsakov to Stravinsky
RIMSKY-KORSAKOV Mlada (in Russian)
Conductor: **Michael Tilson Thomas**
Mstivoi: **Stafford Dean**
Voislava: **Makvala Kashrashvili**
Iaromir: **Jon Fredric West**
Veglasnyi: **Sergei Leiferkus**
Lumir: **Alfreda Hodgson**
Morena: **Dolora Zajick**
London Symphony Chorus
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Sunday 14 May 7.30pm: Barbican Centre
FLIGHT OF THE FIREBIRD
Rimsky-Korsakov to Stravinsky
LIADOV Kikimora
MUSSORGSKY Songs and Dances of Death
RIMSKY-KORSAKOV Sheherazade
Conductor: **Michael Tilson Thomas**
Bass: **Paata Burchuladze**
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Thursday 18 May 7.45pm: Barbican Centre
FLIGHT OF THE FIREBIRD
Rimsky-Korsakov to Stravinsky
MUSSORGSKY March from "Mlada"
MUSSORGSKY Witches Sabbath from "Sorochintsy Fair"
BORODIN Finale from "Mlada"
STRAVINSKY The Firebird
Conductor: **Michael Tilson Thomas**
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SERIES B

Thursday 6 April 7.45pm: Barbican Centre
RIMSKY-KORSAKOV Russian Easter Festival Overture
TCHAIKOVSKY Violin Concerto
BARTOK Concerto for Orchestra
Conductor: **Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos**
Violin: **Igor Oistrakh**
Price code: III

Monday 24 April 7.30pm: Royal Festival Hall
The Art of Itzhak Perlman
BEETHOVEN Egmont Overture
BRUCH Violin Concerto No. 1
BEETHOVEN Violin Concerto
Conductor: **Michael Tilson Thomas**
Violin: **Itzhak Perlman**
Price code: I

Tuesday 6 June 7.45pm: Barbican Centre
MOZART Piano Concerto K467
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Thursday 20 April 7.45pm: Barbican Centre
MENDELSSOHN Elijah (sung in English)
Conductor: **Richard Hickox**
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Bass: **John Rawnsley**
London Symphony Chorus
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Thursday 8 June 7.45pm: Barbican Centre
BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 4
BRAHMS Symphony No. 4
Conductor: **Sir Georg Solti**
Piano: **Murray Perahia**
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Thursday 29 June 7.45pm: Barbican Centre
SHOSTAKOVICH The Golden Age
SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 10
Conductor: **Mstislav Rostropovich**
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SERIES D

Thursday 27 April 7.30pm: Royal Festival Hall
The Art of Itzhak Perlman
STRAVINSKY Two Suites for Small Orchestra
STRAVINSKY Violin Concerto
TCHAIKOVSKY Violin Concerto
Conductor: **Michael Tilson Thomas**
Violin: **Itzhak Perlman**
Price code: I

Friday 26 May 7.45pm: Barbican Centre
STRAVINSKY Symphonies of Wind Instruments
SIBELIUS Symphony No. 4
BEETHOVEN Violin Concerto
Conductor: **Sir Colin Davis**
Violin: **Kyung Wha Chung**
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Thursday 15 June 7.45pm: Barbican Centre
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far. But the raw deal he has received from the historians needs to be put right, and that process can only start when more of his music is made familiar again. The LSO series, for instance, include a rare concert performance of *Mlada*, the opera which Rimsky began to write exactly 100 years ago, directly after attending the St Petersburg premiere of Wagner's *Ring*. Temporarily, the champion of Russian nationalism fell under the Teutonic spell, and *Mlada* has many aspects which reflect Wagner's influence. But Rimsky made up for this by including one chorus consisting of peasants shouting little else but "Woe to the Germans!"

The opera is also remembered, if it is remembered at all, for the famous, fanfaring "Entry of the Princes" in Act II, and for the strange fact that its leading lady – the lovely *Mlada* herself – has been poisoned before the opera begins, and appears only as a ghost. Michael Tilson Thomas considers *Mlada* a seminal masterpiece: "I was completely overwhelmed when I first came across it. In fact it was my astonishment at discovering not only its beauty and its spectacular orchestration, but also what a major influence it had, which became the springboard for the whole series. The way I perform Stravinsky's *Firebird*, even the way I perform *The Rite of Spring*, has been influenced by my increasing familiarity with Rimsky's richness of orchestral texture."

Another LSO programme will focus on a much more controversial area: Rimsky's work as the arranger of his friends' music, and in particular of Mussorgsky's. The facts are these: during 1871 and 1872 Rimsky and Mussorgsky – diametrically opposed in character, but close friends – shared a room. Mussorgsky used the piano and table in the mornings to work on his epic masterpiece *Boris Godunov*; Rimsky used the same piano and table in the afternoons (with less astounding results, it must be said) to compose his opera, *The Maid of Pskov*.

The following year Rimsky married Nadia Purgold, an accomplished pianist but also a straitlaced woman who considered that the only thing wrong with Rimsky's attachment to the dissolute Mussorgsky was the presence of the dissolute Mussorgsky. Her antipathy, which led to Rimsky's gradual estrangement from him, had a personal angle: her sister, Sasha, had been hopelessly attracted to Mussorgsky but had been spurned.

The truth was that Mussorgsky had a long-standing relationship with a woman old enough to be his mother, Nadiezhda Opochinina. He discussed everything with her, but how much further the bond went is open to speculation. One clue is the dedication to her of his song, "Desire": "In memory of her judgement over me. St Petersburg, 2.30am". The parallel with the homosexual Tchaikovsky's ambivalent relationship with his mother-figure patron is striking. It was Nadiezhda's death in 1874 that prompted Mussorgsky to write his greatest song-cycle, *Songs and Dances of Death*.

Rimsky's marriage forced Mussorgsky to move out. He drifted from house to house and from sinecure to sinecure in the civil service; his alcoholism grew chronic and then fatal. After his death Rimsky undertook the herculean labour of putting Mussorgsky's unfinished compositions (that is, nearly all of them) into a performable state. Unfortunately, in trying to present his friend's genius in what he considered to be its best light, he ironed out many passages which modern ears consider to be inspirations of great originality.

For this work, Tilson Thomas believes, Rimsky has been unjustly maligned. "There are certain things about what he did that we can now legitimately question, but not his motivation. He wanted the world to love Mussorgsky's music as he did, from having had the chance to hear Mussorgsky perform it. He was working with material that was full of wonderful invention but fragmentary, and he was relying on his own memory of how Mussorgsky filled it out. The fact is, it is only because of Rimsky's versions that the wider world came to recognize Mussorgsky's genius, and have the chance to discuss finer details."

Perhaps now, 80 years after his death, these concerts will help the world towards a fuller appreciation of Rimsky's genius, his humanity, and his pivotal place in Russia's greatest cultural epoch.

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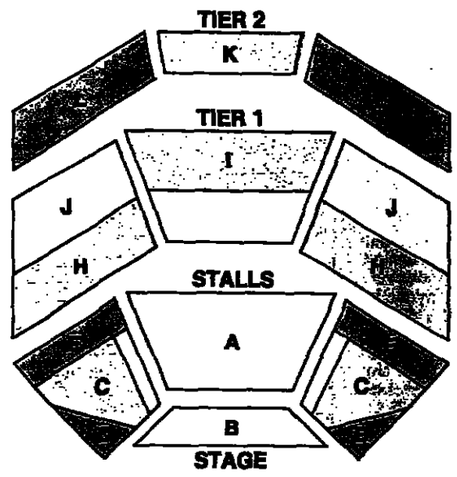
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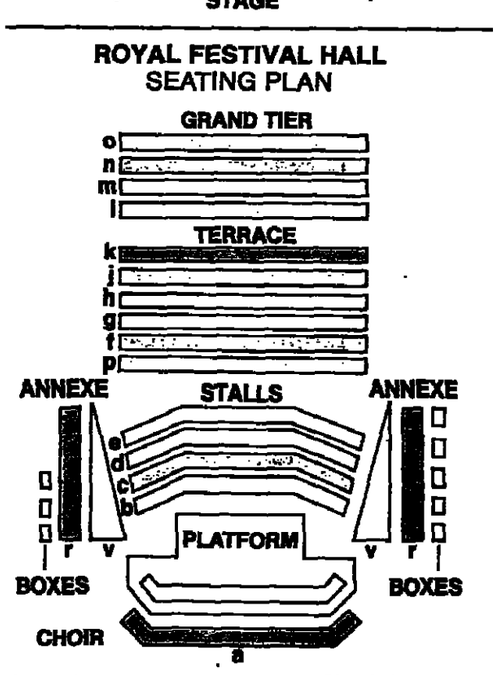
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THE ARTS

Beauty and the breast

TELEVISION

Arts programmes can get away with showing the parts that other programmes dare not show. Arena's *The Tip of the Iceberg* (BBC2) had a nipple count of 143, enough to satisfy the dirtiest of raincoats, but this significant smut-factor was levelled by a flood of chastening femspeaks from the likes of Marina Warner, Anna Raeburn and Sheila Kitzinger.

The argument, repeatedly hammered home, was that the breast's erotic connotations have been promoted at the cost of its role as a "nurturing organ full of milk" and symbol of maternal power.

We were told that cultural worship of the perfect "bazooma" has made women feel inferior, and that our self-image has been undermined by male usurpation of the mammary as a plaything.

The only men to be given screentime were an "advertising psychologist", assorted MPs sniggering at Clare Short's proposal to ban Page Three pin-ups, and filmmaker Russ Meyer saying: "I like women that are top-heavy." Meyer apart, most breast-fanciers seem to take refuge in crowds, such as the one we glimpsed whooping it up at a stag night.

Since much of the feminist hypothesis wilted under the weight of pretentious psychobabble, one would like to have seen some of the revellers singled out and allowed an equal opportunity to make fools of themselves.

On this evidence, anyway, fetishists have more fun. A clip from Meyer's *Supervixens*, a peek at Frederick's of Hollywood's Bra Museum, and the classic scene from *Carry on Camping* in which Barbara Windsor bursts out of her bikini top were all more life-enhancing than the earnest declarations of the breast-as-nurture brigade, and suggested that anatomy is whatever its owner chooses to make of it.

The bosom is far from being the only part of the body to engender fear and amusement; one looks forward to the day when Arena can present, say, a phallus count of 143.

Meyer once complained that British Equity was unable to provide him with actresses sufficiently "buxotic" for his tastes. With *Roseanne* (Channel 4), the Americans once again demonstrate their current superiority in sitcom as well as titcom territory.

Roseanne Barr's speciality is the sarcastic wisecrack at the expense of her unemployed husband, her children, or her co-workers in a Midwestern factory.

One is left in no doubt that there is a warm heart beneath the comedienne's fat and feisty exterior, but the domestic banter is snappy enough to keep sogginess at bay.

Anne Billson

A veteran hero returns

Sheridan Morley meets Roger Moore who has come out of 'Bondage' to return to the stage after 35 years for the lead in Andrew Lloyd Webber's new musical Aspects of Love

On Monday morning Roger Moore will clamber through the rubble of the Prince of Wales theatre auditorium to start rehearsing for his first stage appearance in 35 years. It is not that the theatre is being torn down in protest, merely that the stage is being gutted and rebuilt to accommodate Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Aspects of Love*, the musical which now marks Moore's return to the boards, after a long time in and out of 'Bondage'.

Ironically, however, this week's announcement of what would normally be considered a massive box-office coup is to some extent academic: *Aspects of Love* has, since bookings opened in December, already taken in an advance of around £2.5 million thereby recovering virtually half its costs on the strength of the composer's name alone. Moreover, it is now sold out until some time in October, which is when Moore's initial contract expires. So, unless he either extends or goes on to Broadway with it, the chances are that he will only be seen in *Aspects* by those who have already booked for the show without knowing he was going to be in it.

But, as with the casting of Michael Crawford for the equally pre-sold *Phantom of the Opera*, there is no doubt that Moore's name above the title is an added attraction, especially in a role for which there were precious few obvious choices. George Dillingham in *Aspects* is essentially a man who ages from 60 to 75 while stealing the love of a young girl from his own nephew. He remains for all that a figure of immense veteran charm, and one or two of us who saw the musical in its Sydmonton workshop performance last summer had reckoned that the only perfect casting might have been the late David Niven.

"Niv would have been splendid," Moore agrees, "but I think perhaps even worse at the singing than I am at the moment. At least I have had some sort of stage singing experience: at the East Ham Palace in 1951 I was in pantomime with Dorothy Squires."

Moore's stage career in the early 1950s was, as he cheerfully admits, rather less than distinguished: "One show I was in, *A Pin to See the Peepshow*, managed to close on Broadway the same night that it opened, and it was with a certain relief that I took up an MGM contract soon after that, or I could have been carrying spears at Stratford for the rest of my life.



Charmer in the wings: Roger Moore puts a comforting arm around Diana Morrison, playing his young love

"But after half a dozen Bond movies I realized that jumping around with bullets and bombs in my middle fifties was really daft, and so I stopped doing that, only to find that the films I have made since were tricky prospects because the cinema-going public can't always accept a change of image. Heroes are meant to stay heroes, not suddenly become character men.

"I was therefore looking for something rather different when Andrew suddenly called me up in the autumn and we began to talk about Aspects. He'd seen me doing a comic number with Denis Healey on an Edna Everage Show, and I can only assume that Denis proved unavailable, because Andrew came to me and said there was something I should read, which turned out to be the script of *Aspects*."

Flattered and terrified in equal measure, Moore began talking to his family and friends: "James Clavell said it was courage bordering on lunacy for me to do a musical at my age, but both Caine and Bryan Forbes and my wife also all thought I should have a go, while my daughter says that at last I look as though I have some sort of a purpose in life.

"Luckily, George is getting on a bit in the show, so he doesn't have to leap around like Nijinsky, though he does sing three quite long numbers. For a while after I did my first audition at the piano for Andrew and the director Trevor Nunn there was total silence, so I went back to Switzerland hoping that pehaps they had changed their minds and I wouldn't have to do it after all. That's when they were probably still trying to get Denis Healey; but then they came back to me, so here we all are taking the plunge."

Moore is already more than a little worried about the reviews: "There are those who will doubtless be asking themselves not only whether I can sing but whether I can act, and although I shall certainly be doing my best, I have told Trevor Nunn that if a director ever shouts at me in rehearsal I always cry a lot. When you're 61, like me, it's an effort just to talk and walk at the same time, let alone having to sing as well. It is all so very different in a film studio: there, if anybody coughs you go back to the beginning of the scene, so on matinée days I really must remember at the Prince of Wales not to do that.

"In the past, people would occasionally offer me Broadway revivals of *My Fair Lady* or *Camelot*, and I always thought they were raving mad: but you don't turn down a Lloyd Webber with the music of *Phantom* still ringing in your ears, and I do find George brilliantly wicked to play. So I'm just hoping to get through the first night in a Valium haze. After that I think I'll probably settle down, and be all right, and my singing teacher thinks I might even have a light baritone.

"Now if I could just find some braces to stop my knees from knocking and forget about how much more money I could be making for a film, requiring vastly less effort or nerve, then maybe I'll start to enjoy myself. In the meantime, Andrew has promised that *Aspects* will either make me a great stage star, or finish my career once and for all."

Lloyd Webber himself is in no doubt about the wisdom of his casting: "There are very few actors in the world with that Niven charisma and elegance, and at the same time a sexiness which makes it believable that a young girl would fall in love with him. It's not as though we were looking for a Pavarotti, but there's no doubt that Roger can sing and from what I've seen so far I think he's going to be a revelation."

Besides, as Moore says with his usual self-deprecation, he might just as well be in London rehearsing: the snow has been terrible in Gstaad this winter.

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Holy damages

As the costs of restoring St Margaret, the House of Commons' parish church, drift past £1 million, it seems the scaffolding is having the opposite effect — a second stained-glass window, this time dedicated to the Puritan poet John Milton, has been damaged by a pole. Less than a year ago Sir Walter Raleigh's window fell victim in the same way, but the verger, Fred Glee, seems unruffled. "The windows are 20 to 30 feet high, and a scaffold pole is difficult to control if there's much of a wind," he said.

Drawing blanks

Staff at the Royal Academy, bewildered by some of the more challenging works at their "Italian Art of the 20th century" exhibition, demanded an explanation of their meaning when the show opened three weeks ago, but are still waiting. "I start having difficulties with Fontana [the abstract artist who specializes in slashing the canvas]," said one. In the interests of freedom of information, a talk was arranged by Simonetta Fraquelli, the exhibition co-ordinator, but she went home ill and has now left for Italy. Was the prospect of explanation all too much?

Design dynasty

A dynasty of book designers looks set to be launched with the cover of *The Times* Museums Year Guide. The design comes from a young artist, fresh out of St Martin's School of Art, who caught the attention of the guide's art director with his programme for the London Film Festival in November.

He is Miles Aldridge, 24-year-old son of Alan, who became known as the publishing world's Beatle when he became Penguin's art director in the mid-1960s and introduced illustration to Penguin covers. He is now writing film scripts in Hollywood.

● **Some people thought it surprising, when they saw the shortlist for the Olivier Awards (winners to be announced tomorrow), that Maureen Lipman's splendid Joyce Grenfell one-woman-show, *Re: Joyce*, is absent — especially since it is due to end its run at the Fortune Theatre on February 26. It is to be replaced by another revue, I hear, called *Forbidden Broadway*, which has a series of off-Broadway musical songs — including one with a line that comes from the heart: "When I marry Andrew Lloyd-Webber I'll never have to to matinées again."**

Simon Tait

Strings from a train station

Yuri Bashmet
Wigmore Hall

CONCERTS

In a converted railway station at Rolandseck on the Rhine near Bonn, the Ukrainian viola player Yuri Bashmet leads a little festival of chamber music for one extraordinary week every June. Until recently, deprived London audiences have had little choice but to track him down there or at festivals such as that at Kuhmo in Finland. Yet this is, without doubt, one of the world's greatest living musicians; and his first London recital on Wednesday offered an evening of quite the most complete music making I have heard for many, many years.

At 34, Bashmet has filled the near-void which exists between the violin and cello virtuoso of our time; yet he is no mere virtuoso. The technical achievements are, indeed, formidable. Few string players are able to manoeuvre so noiselessly in passages of pianissimo, few to maintain such diamond-cut intonation at speed, few to drive a down-bow with so little brittleness.

It is his musical understanding which sets Bashmet apart. The bow's shifting weight is used to shape and nourish melodic lines. Brahms's F minor Viola Sonata started by generating a smouldering energy and ended with a vivace kindled by tiny catches in the breath and by sudden vibrato.

Bashmet tunes into the nerve system of a melody. This, and his discovery of the spirit of a composer's expression marks, made haunting miniatures of Schumann's *Märchenbilder*.

The second half of the recital showed the rare fusion of concentrated involvement and a detached sense of pure play which marks only the greatest of players. Bashmet chose Shostakovich's Viola Sonata which was premiered in 1975 with Mikhail Muntian, Bashmet's own intensely sympathetic accompanist as pianist.

Its long first movement search, its even longer final meditation on Beethoven's "Moonlight" Sonata and, it seems, on the nature of musical expression itself, needed the exit and release of encores. Bashmet obliged with four: grave and gay, sweet and sour.

Hilary Finch

Monsters on morality



Partners in kitsch: Rupert Everett quietly pits his saturnine genius against Maria Aitken's raving beauty

THEATRE

The Vortex
Garrick

As performed in my lifetime, the plays of Noël Coward personify the theatre of talking heads. This production by Philip Prowse is the first I have seen that physicalizes Coward so that the text speaks equally through all the theatrical elements, its impact redoubled with the qualities of a ballet.

The piece itself packs a hefty punch. When he wrote it, Coward was not yet one of the Beautiful People, and — in telling the story of the narcissistic cradle-snatching Florence and her drug-addict son — he drew on his accumulated anger as a hard-working young artist against London's moneyed parasites whose applause he had still to win.

It is a fiercely moral piece, handing out judgements right and left, depicting characters with hatred and contempt: qualities that usually kill drama stone dead, but which worked entirely to his advantage.

Prowse has advanced the piece to the 1930s, loading the stage with art-deco kitsch (a sculpted tuba sprouting a human arm) which incriminates the owners no less than their chatter.

The women's costumes are as elaborately forbidding as antique armour, and performances are similarly formalized. In the opening party of self-seeking drones there is hardly a natural cadence to be heard, from Tristam Jellinek's flutingly malicious Quentin to Fidelis Morgan as the dilletante singer, imperiously commandeering the sofa and emitting a blood-curdling shriek when she loses her handbag.

Of all these stylized monsters, none is quite so dehumanized as Maria Aitken's Florence; a tea-gowned predator topped with a hat sprouting two black fangs, perpetually on the move between the telephone and the mirror, and flashing avid smiles at the company in insatiable hunger for flattery. Coward says that Florence retains the vestiges of great beauty. Miss Aitken shows no such vestiges until the make-up comes off under the huge mirrors of the climactic closet scene.

What Miss Aitken has done is to eliminate all marginally redeeming features, including sex itself, to channel all her energies into the power drive. When she does crack, it seems that the stage will collapse with her.

She is magnificently partnered by Rupert Everett, playing the saturnine young genius to her raving beauty, who reveals his fractured personality in thrillingly timed outbursts of rage, exhibitionist regression, and moments of desolating insight. He can also play the piano: when did you last see a Coward hero who was up to that?

Irving Wardle

BBC SO/Pritchard
Festival Hall/Radio 3

Sir John Pritchard decided to go for a musical grand slam in the first programme of a six-concert series with the BBC Symphony Orchestra that combines Richard Strauss and Mozart. He dusted the mothballs from two extravagantly scored works by Strauss, both seldom heard which even that skilled master of grandiloquence inflated beyond reasonable proportions.

The *Festival Prelude* that began the concert finds the composer summoning an opulence of instrumental effect for a single symphonic movement that somehow seems to end before it properly starts. A grandiose peroration for solo organ at full blast gives way to richer and richer orchestral sonority without a great deal of musical substance.

And while that may have done well to open Vienna's new concert hall in 1913, the centenary of Heidelberg University a decade earlier was oddly served by *Taillefer*, setting a chivalric ballad by Ludwig Uhland, celebrating the minstrel who led Duke William of Normandy into his victorious Battle of Hastings, no less.

A head count put the orchestral strength at 120 or so, plus a double choir and three soloists for about 20 minutes of music, in which the sheer weight of sound is no measure of a very humdrum content. Ian Caley and Neil Howlett sang the main solos capably, and Sir John marshalled his forces tightly, but all but a few pages rang decidedly hollow.

But more rewarding music was to be heard in *Don Quixote*, with Timothy Hugh a poised if sometimes too effacing solo cellist and a curiously slack control of the work's variation form by the conductor, and Mozart having a cleansing effect with the buoyant spirit and warmly expressive woodwind playing in his "Prague" Symphony.

Noël Goodwin

Late but great fame

Whether playing exotic word games on television, or remembering eccentric tennis matches against John Gielgud at halcyon pre-war theatrical garden parties, the greatness of Arthur Marshall lay in his story-telling and his infinite generosity.

A former schoolmaster who somehow ended up playing a nurse on the radio for several years, he belonged, like Joyce Grenfell or Russell Harty, to that uniquely English brand of professional amateurs, people who managed to suggest that whatever they happened to be doing at the time was not really what they had ever set out to do for a living or even what their mothers had thought they were best at.

Perpetually surprised at his own social and show business success, Arthur remained at heart a minor public school master in a world of theatre and television that found him as unlikely and compulsive as he found it. Blinking owlishly into television cameras, giggling rather too loudly at bad plays or performances, worrying about the on and off-screen destinies of minor soap opera stars, he lived in a time warp of his own making, but ever alert to changing public tastes.

Fame came to Arthur late in life, on panel games and chat shows and *Call My Bluff* where he was a superb feed to Frank Muir, essentially Sancho Panza to Muir's Don Quixote, and then with a highly successful series of memoirs. But by then he was already out of his time, a reminder of what bachelor schoolmasters used to be like when there was still time away from the computers to recall Mr Chips and endless afternoons of pointless activity on cricket pitches.

But Arthur was more astute than the public image ever suggested: he refined and shaped his public presence as devoutly as any actor taking on a role, noting from overheard conversations and fan letters what his viewers and listeners and readers really wanted of him, and then supplying it assiduously. It was not that Arthur was ever untrue to himself, merely that he found the best way of playing the role of the scholarly comedian, and then gave that same performance on television and radio over and over again.

In his time, he wrote and adapted plays, starred in private-party cabarets, gave innumerable lectures, and made hundreds if not thousands of broadcasts. But you could not really define Arthur as a comedian or a broadcaster: he was a peripatetic gossip of the very best sort. And even towards the end of his life when illness kept him in his beloved Devon village he remained true to all his old show business obsessions.

Sheridan Morley

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MUSEUMS



Carving a future: Richard Luce feels the sculpture court of the Walker Art Gallery is in tune with the feelings of the museum-goers who have had little opportunity to enjoy classical works

Past, present, future

1989 is an important year for museums, Simon Tait writes

It is nearly a hundred years since 15 black-coated gentlemen, representatives of museums "selected from amongst the best known in England", packed themselves into the back room of the York home of a Mr S.W. North, vice-president of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society.

They were founding the Museums Association, to establish standards and provide a conduit for research information. "The fact that museums are becoming, and may still further become, potent factors in education and scientific culture, is now generally recognized, and the day when such institutions were looked upon as mere receptacles for anything curious or abnormal has gone for ever," wrote one of those founding fathers, Elijah Howarth of Sheffield.

Not only has his perseverance in the face of opposition from his own colleagues been justified, the MA's centenary is seen as the right time for the biggest showcase ever to be created: Museums Year. The current MA president, Dr Patrick Boylan, describes it as "the biggest promotional event for museums and galleries the world has ever seen".

New museums are opening at the rate of one every 18 days; old museums are refurbishing, updating and opening new galleries. In 1889 there were 200 museums. Today there are about 2,500. A hundred years ago they had no reason to measure attendances, but something like 50,000 visits is about what they were drawing. In Museums Year they confidently expect a staggering 100 million.

The government minister responsible for our museums – directly for our 25 national institutions, indirectly through grants to the Museums and Galleries Commission for local authority museums – is Richard Luce, the Arts Minister.

"The most impressive thing is the extraordinary rate of expansion over all of types of museums," he says. "Longer established museums are adjusting to new requirements and public demand, finding out the kind of things they want and moving every muscle to provide them." A frequent visitor to museums and galleries, he had just seen a manifestation of what he called "in-touch-ness" in Liverpool, where seven museums are now directly funded by him since the abolition of the metropolitan counties.

"It was in the Walker Art Gallery, where, I venture to suggest, the new sculpture court which I opened is exactly in tune with the feelings of the museum-goers who enjoy classical sculpture at least as much as contemporary abstract work and have had very little chance to enjoy it. I warmly applaud that kind of imaginative development.

"It's not just scholarship which is very important for them. It is a manifestation of the self-education which more and more people want," Luce says, revealing for the first time that he is having talks with Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, about a programme to tie museums in more closely with the education system, and the GCSE curriculum in particular.

So what, from a government-eye view, has been the reason for the expansion from a creditable 1,000 museums in 1983 to more than double that number now? "I don't think there's a sudden moment when everyone saw the light, but I think you can say that in the last few years there has been an expansion in interest in the arts, people wanting to educate themselves more; people have got more money in their pockets, many have got more leisure time."

But some of his recent policies have been severely criticized. His new funding system for the national museums, in which they are given budgets for three years instead of one to give them an opportunity to plan their future more precisely, was generally reckoned to be a good thing.

But the freezing of purchase grants in that package was not, nor was his proposal to encourage museums and galleries to dispose of surplus parts of their collections. But his attitude appeared to be softening on both issues. "I've decided to have a discussion period about purchase grants. I realize how difficult it is for museums and galleries to acquire the things they need, and it's because of repetitions I have had that I've decided to have a review."

And, to use the adopted American word for disposals, what about "deaccessioning"?

"I circulated a discussion document last autumn asking for views by the end of last year, which we are analysing. Anything new the government does, people always think there's a plot behind it, but I don't believe that a disposals policy would lead to the raising of vast new resources."

What he has done is to get extra money for building refurbishment, so that by the last year of the period there will be £55 million available; he has got more money for the MGC to mount a travelling exhibition programme for more national treasures to be seen outside London. "People think that all our treasures are sitting below in the vaults and not being seen, but the British Museum lent 2,500 objects in 1987; the Tate in 1987-88 lent 556 and the V & A no less than 3,000 objects of art in the same period." He has also stretched the government indemnity scheme to the value of some £800 million to enable objects to be covered while on tour.

Perhaps the single most important thing for all museums is that he intends to resolve the 100-year-old problem of museum training this year. In 1987 the MGC issued a report saying that for career structure, museum standards and scholarship levels there had to be a more modern and coherent training system and called for a central training institution.

This has been followed by the MA's own inquiry, commissioned by Luce, and with the recently announced new controlling body as the centrepiece, he expects the new system to be in place before Museums Year is out.

"Museums Year has two aims," Boylan says. "First, we want to change the public's perception of museums – we are, still, all too often faced with the popular stereotype of museums being dead, musty and dusty.

"Our second aim is to encourage public and private investment in museums. We are seeking more government investment in all our museums, national and provincial. But we are not pleading; we are saying: 'If you invest in us your investment will be repaid many times over'."

COMMENT

An exalted nationalism

Conor Cruise O'Brien reflects on the mighty strength of W. B. Yeats

Twenty-four years ago, in connection with the centenary of Yeats's birth, I wrote an essay on Yeats's politics under the title *Passion And Cunning* (recently reprinted, in a collection with the same title).

Today, on the fiftieth anniversary of Yeats's death, I should like to return to the same subject, but looking at it this time from a significantly different angle.

In 1965, what interested me most about Yeats's politics was his intermittent, but potent and recurring, attraction towards fascism. Today what interests me most is his propensity – also intermittent, but potent and recurring – to exalted (or manic) Irish nationalism, and his capacity to evoke the same in some of his Irish readers, both in his own day and later.

Yeats was, throughout his life, as he has told us, an Irish nationalist. Mostly his nationalism remained a rather quiet and abstract sort of thing, with not much bearing on his writing and activities. But on the rare occasions when nationalism found expression in his work, it did so to some purpose.

By far the most important of Yeats's nationalist writings is the play *Cathleen ni Houlihan*, which was first performed in 1903 with Maud Gonne in the title role. It electrified its Dublin audiences with its summons to fight and die for Ireland, and will be remembered for ever. The Old Woman who is Cathleen, the symbolic figure representing Ireland, says, in her last lines on stage:

"They that have red cheeks will have pale cheeks for my sake." *She goes out: her voice is heard outside singing.*

"They shall be remembered for ever,

They shall be alive for ever,

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The play ends with the lines:

Peter (to Patrick laying a hand on his arm): "Did you see an old woman going down the path?"

Patrick: "I did not, but I saw a young girl, and she had the walk of a queen."

Thirteen years later, Constance Markievicz, in jail in England under sentence of death for her part in Dublin's Easter Rising of 1916, was comforted by the thought that the promise of Yeats's Cathleen would now apply to her: " 'They shall be remembered for ever . . . ' ", she quoted in a letter to her sister, adding "and even poor me shall not be forgotten".

More than 20 years after that, the dying Yeats asked himself the question:

Did that play of mine send out

Certain men the English shot?

I believe, not only that it clearly did, but that it is still sending them out. *Cathleen ni Houlihan* is unique among Yeats's political writings in that it is entirely free from ambivalence, ambiguity and the cryptic. It is a straightforward, red-hot piece of physical-force-nationalist propaganda. If someone today were to put on *Cathleen ni Houlihan* as a benefit performance in support of the Provisional IRA, they would not have to alter a single line. There is nothing there that would not serve their purpose.



Incitement: W.B. Yeats

But they do not have to put the play on, for it has become internalized. It has entered the Irish nationalist bloodstream. In particular, it is part of the sub-culture that has given us the Provisional IRA.

Some might dispute that. English people often think of the Provisionals as mindless thugs – the sort of people who would not know about a poet like Yeats. In reality, the Provisionals, like other similar movements, have their share of intellectuals, some of whom are quite at home with Yeats, in their way.

One such was Dáithi O'Conaill, one of the IRA leaders in the 1970s. One day, O'Conaill was asked why IRA operations in mainland Britain were so seldom successful. O'Conaill explained that there were certain difficulties in communication. And then he quoted, from Yeats's *The Second Coming*, the line:

The falcon cannot hear the falconer.

O'Conaill was the falconer; the falcon represented the people O'Conaill sent out to blow other people up.

Not perhaps quite what the poet had in mind when he wrote that particular line but not remote, either, from the general subject matter of that poem. In any case it is clear that this IRA leader knew his Yeats.

The year after the final curtain went down on *Cathleen ni Houlihan*, Maud Gonne went off and married Major John MacBride (later executed for his part in the Easter Rising). From then on, and for a long time, Yeats abandoned the wilder shores of Irish nationalism. He refused to allow his Abbey Theatre to become a centre for nationalist propaganda and was denounced by the nationalists.

Yeats did not return to a nationalist theme until after the Easter Rising and the execution of its leaders. Yeats's four "1916" poems, as a whole, are quite unlike *Cathleen ni Houlihan*. They are reflective and, in large part, sceptical and apprehensive. But they do contain lines that can be read in the spirit of *Cathleen ni Houlihan*, and these were the lines that entered into the bloodstream of Irish republicanism. Most especially the line:

A terrible beauty is born.

One day in 1971 I was speaking in the Dáil, the Irish parliament, and I happened to quote some lines of Yeats. This was just after the opening of the Provisional IRA's "offensive" in Northern Ireland, and shortly after the Arms Trials, in which C. J. Haughey – now Taoiseach – had been acquitted on charges of importing arms illegally into the Republic.

As it happened, Haughey was in the chamber when I spoke and he called out loudly: "Complete the quotation!" Completing the quotation would have entailed quoting the line about a terrible beauty. In the context, I took – and I still take – Haughey's demand to imply that, with the renewal of the arms struggle, this time in Northern Ireland, a terrible beauty had been born again.

In the Irish Civil War of 1922-23, Yeats took the government side, the side of the Anglo-Irish treaty. Those who were true to the tradition of *Cathleen ni Houlihan*, the republicans, including the political ancestors of today's Provisional IRA, were on the other side. For that reason Yeats, personally, has never been any kind of hero to the republicans. All the same, parts of his work are part of their culture and part of what keeps them going.

Fifty years after his death, Yeats is still very much alive, in many senses. Unfortunately the part that is most alive in Ireland, out of all the rich complexity of his work, is the *Cathleen ni Houlihan* part. Through that play, the poet doomed himself to a share in the Valhalla of his bloodthirsty Irish Valkyrie.

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MUSEUMS YEAR 1989 THE TIMES

The Times is sponsoring Museums Year, and will be launching the Museums Year Passport Scheme on February 6. There will also be a schools' competition.

EXHIBITION CALENDAR

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS: Exhibition of items from private collections around Lincolnshire. Lincoln City and County Museum, Broadgate, Lincoln (0522 30401). Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2.30-5pm. Adults 25p; children 10p. Until May.

GOING UP TOWN: An exhibition about the social event of the week in many Victorian lives – shopping. Oldham Local Interest Centre, Greaves Street, Oldham (061 678 4653). Mon, Wed-Fri 10am-5pm, Tues 10am-1pm, Sat 10am-4pm. Free.

LONDON ILLUSTRATED: Exhibition of the work of eight young former Royal College of Art illustrators. Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699). Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm. Free. Until Feb 12.

VILLAGE OF FELLBRIDGE: The social history of a Sussex community. East Grinstead Town Museum, East Court, College Lane, East Grinstead, Sussex (0342 22511). Wed 2-4pm, Sat (April-Oct) 2-5pm, (Nov-March) 2-4pm. Free. To March.

THE CENTURIES: Exhibition looking at the steel town in the 1700s and 1800s. Sheffield City Museum, Weston Park, Sheffield (0742 768588). Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-5pm. Free. To Feb 18.

SPRINGBURN SCULPTURE PROJECT: This community museum invites local people to create an exhibition. Springburn Museum, Ayr Street, Glasgow (041 333 0183). Mon-Fri 10.30am-5pm; weekend 10am-1pm, 2-5pm. Free. Until Mar 3.

COTTAGES OF YESTERYEAR: Paintings by Surrey artist Helen Allingham. Guildford House Gallery, 155 High Street, Guildford, Surrey (0483 50346). Sat 10.30am-4.50pm. Free. Last day today.

BLAEGWAWR – THE WAY WE WERE: The social history of this part of South Wales. Welsh Industrial and Maritime Museum, Bute Street, Cardiff (0222 481919). Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm. Free. Until Feb 12.

MALCOLM WHITTAKER: Drawings and photographs by this local artist. Posterngate Gallery, 6 Posterngate, Hull (0482 222745). Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm. Free. Until Feb 4.

MICHAEL HILL: Drawings and photographs of India. The Grange, Rottingdean, East Sussex (0273 31004). Mon, Thurs, Sat 10am-5pm, Tues, Fri, 10am-1pm, 2-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. Free. To Feb 2.

CHILDREN'S ART: Competition results, with an exhibition of the entrants in this national contest. Ayscoughfee Hall Museum, Churchgate, Spalding, Lincs (0775 5468). Mon-Thurs 10am-5pm, Fri 10am-4.30pm. Free. Until Tues.

BOBBIE RENNIE: Exhibition of the work of this local painter. Cumbernauld Central Library, Allander Walk, Cumbernauld, Glasgow (0236 725864). Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 10am-9pm; Weds 9am-5pm. Free. Until Feb 3.

REVOLUTION: Parliament and the Revolution, 1688-1988. Merseyside Museum of Labour History, Islington, Liverpool (051 227 5234). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. Free. Until Feb 5.

ART DECO: The art of the Underground. London Transport Museum, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-379 6344). Daily 10am-6pm. Charge £2.40; concessions £1.10; family ticket available. Until Feb 5.

ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY: Three exhibitions, of "The Garden", Edwin Smith (a local photographer), and 25 "Classic Images". Newlyn Art Gallery, New Road, Newlyn, Penzance, Cornwall (0736 63715). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Free. Until Mar 4.

MACHINE: Industrial embroidery exhibitions. Pittville Pump Room Museum, Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham, Glos. (0242 512740). Tues-Sat 10.30am-5pm. Charge 40p, concessions 20p. Until Mar 11.

FREEING THE SPIRIT: Exhibition of the work of Scottish abstract artists. Gracefield Arts Centre, 28 Edinburgh Road, Dumfries (0387 62084). Mon-Fri noon-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-5pm. Free. From today to Feb 26.

MARRIAGE LINES: Photographic exhibition of wedding scenes. Oldham Art Gallery, Union Street, Oldham, Greater Manchester (061 624 0505). Mon, Wed-Fri 10am-5pm, Tues 10am-1pm, Sat 10am-4pm. Free. From today to April 15.

NEW SPIRIT IN CRAFT & DESIGN: Exhibition of innovation by young artists and desiners. Until Tues. From Wed, clocks and watches. Liverpool Museum, William Brown Street, Liverpool (051 207 0001). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. Free.

VANITY FAIR IN WALES: Caricatures of eminent Welsh Vicorians. National Museum of Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff (0222 397951). Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm. Free. To Feb 12.

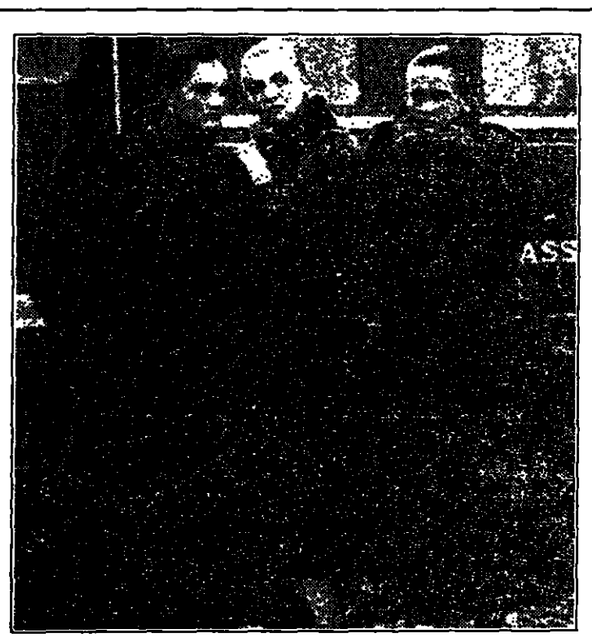
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MECCANO: Children's pre-Leggo world. Corinium Museum, Park Street, Cirencester, Gloucestershire (0285 5611). Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. Charge 60p, OAPs 40p, children 30p.

DANISH GRAPHIC ART: Exquisite linework of Scandinavian draughtsmen. Edinburgh City Art Centre, 2 Market Street, Edinburgh (031 225 2424 ext 6650). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Free. Last day today.

HOW WE USED TO LIVE: an exhibition about the area's social history. Scunthorpe Museum and Art Gallery, Oswald Road, Scunthorpe, South Humberside (0724 843533 ext 864). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. Free. From today to Mar 25.

A FEW OF OUR FAVOURITE THINGS: Celebrities, including Neil Kinnock, Edward Heath, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Terry Wogan, pick 100 objects from the collections for special Museums Year exhibition. Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, The King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury (0722 332151). Open daily 10am-4pm. Charge £1.50, concessions £1, children 50p. From today to April 8.



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Miles and Miles: the changing face of one of the most compelling of jazz's surviving great figures, who can still attract fans with the hint of a new album. *The CBS Years* shows 30 years of Miles Davis's consistent outpouring of invention and diversity

Tantalizing milestones

He is the most compelling of jazz's surviving great figures, and often the most infuriating. He just won't stand still. Yet after changing his style every season since the first baby-boomers were in nappies, he can still pull old fans out of the woodwork with the hint of a comeback tour or a new album.

In New York just before Christmas, Miles Davis and his current band were the opening-night attraction at Indigo Blues, a new club aiming to bring jazz back to the midtown area, where the likes of the Birdland, the Royal Roost and the Onyx thrived in the days before they paved paradise and put up a parking lot.

By all accounts, Davis blew with a great deal more conviction than he had in the contrived, emotionally hollow performance he gave the last time I saw him, a couple of years ago. The days when his albums carried the proud and significant legend "Directions in music by Miles Davis" may be over, traded in for guest appearances with such state-of-the-art popsters as Prince and Scritti Politti, but one never feels quite comfortable about trying to write him off as a creative force.

The CBS Years, a boxed set of four and a half hours of music (in the form of four CDs, four cassettes or five vinyl discs), gives the measure of the man's past; no other jazz musician could show such a consistent outpouring of invention and diversity over a 30-year span.

This is not the sum of Davis – it must necessarily omit his work in the Forties with Charlie Parker and with his influential nonet, while a couple of tracks from his recent Warner Bros albums ("Portia" from *Tutu* and "Lost in Madrid V" from the *Siesta* soundtrack, since you ask) would be necessary to bring the story up to date – but it is none the less comprehensive in its portrayal of the man's genius.

Programmed thematically under the subtitles "Blues", "Standards", "Originals", "Moods" and "Electric" (the themes are self-contained within each vinyl disc, but overlap on the CDs and cassettes), such a set cannot hope to satisfy everyone. Selected from a catalogue of about 50 albums, from the lean, classic hard bop of 1957's *'Round About Midnight* to the ingratiating pop-funk of 1985's *You're Under Arrest*, it is bound to omit favourites.

By and large, though, compiler Jeff Rosen has made the best of what must have been among the decade's most enviable jobs of archive-plundering.

Rosen's access to the vaults of unreleased CBS material means the presence of a tantalizing handful of previously unknown items: just enough to make the collector give serious consideration to investing in a large quantity of material he may already have in order to acquire the new items, but not quite enough to make the purchase essential unless he is the sort of idolator who would pay for the contents of Davis's dustbin.

The compiler's opening gambit gives an idea of his sensitivity towards a complicated subject: the first track of the "Blues" section leads the album off in the most subtly dramatic way, with the sensuous prefatory fanfare of "Générique", recorded in 1957 as the main theme for *L'Ascenseur pour l'Echafaud* ("Lift to the Scaffold"), Louis Malle's *film noir*. Here we find Davis defining the incomparable smoky beauty of his open-horn tone, his phrases rising and falling on invisible air-currents with divine elegance, and separating the tonality of the blues from its conventional 12-bar structure to create for the first time a special sense of unresolvedness which he has pursued and developed ever since, manifested in the open-ended structures of his great modal pieces of the late Fifties and in the apparently random editing of his early Seventies funk symphonies.

"Générique", 47½ bars of unearthly perfection occupying two minutes and 45 seconds, is the key to all of that.

Following it would be a problem for anyone else, but "All Blues", from the classic album *Kind of Blue*, simply raises the stakes.

This hypnotically see-sawing 6/8 vamp draws the best from perhaps the finest of all post-war combos, in which Davis assembled the contrasting temperaments of majestic John Coltrane, joyful Cannonball Adderley, pensive Bill Evans, staunch Paul Chambers and silken Jimmy Cobb. Nowhere is Davis's ability to make the most of minimal material better displayed than in the row of staccato notes which his muted trumpet stabs through the saxophone riffs on the fade-out chorus, a few seconds which retain their ability to astonish after decades of familiarity.

JAZZ

Miles Davis: The CBS Years 1955-1985 (CBS 463246, box of 4 CDs)
Chet Baker: In Paris Vols 1-4. (Emarcy 837474-7, 4 CDs)
Great Moments in Jazz (Atlantic 781 907, box of 3 discs)

And so it goes on: the brusque tenderness of "Eighty-One", by the Wayne Shorter/Herbie Hancock quintet; the richly detailed landscape of "Blues for Pablo", one of his finest collaborations with Gil Evans, followed by the magical lightness of "Summertime", in which the orchestra becomes a combo, paced by Philly Joe Jones's disdainfully cool rimshots.

The wild live-at-Newport "Straight, No Chaser" is followed by the Adderley/Coltrane sextet; back to Shorter and Hancock for the mysterious 1966 "Footprints", with Tony Williams's extraordinary drumming prefiguring the moves of the subsequent decade; and finally a return to *L'Ascenseur* for "Florence sur les Champs-Elysées", a medium-tempo reworking of "Générique".

The remaining four-fifths of the set match the intelligent programming of that opening sequence. "Standards" includes the famous 1956 " 'Round About Midnight" and the marvellous 1964 Philharmonic Hall "My Funny Valentine"; "Originals" has the absolute perfection of "Milestones" and the 1961 Carnegie Hall "So What"; "Moods" matches Evans's exotic "Saeta" to such mid-Sixties masterpieces of ambiguity as "Masqualero", "Pinocchio" and "Fall", and to the lyricism of "It's About That Time"; and the "Electric" side chops from the abrupt funk of "Honky Tonk" to the smooth latter-day pop-soul of "Ms Morrisine".

What of the unreleased pieces? With some, such as the alternative take of *Kind of Blue*'s "Flamenco Sketches" and a wonderful "I Thought About You" recorded live in Antibes in 1963, we are presented with worthwhile additions to the canon.

But who would swap the original nine-minute version of "Someday My Prince Will Come", with John Coltrane and Hank Mobley sharing the tenor saxophone solos, for an alternative five-minute take without Coltrane, which is what we get here? It seems odd, too, that Rosen could unearth nothing new from what must be a mountain of post-*Bitches Brew* studio recordings.

Taking his selections as a whole, this particular fan misses "Sid's Ahead", from *Milestones*; "Blue in Green", from *Kind of Blue*; "Mlle Mabry", from *Filles de Kilimanjaro*; and "Gone", from *Porgy and Bess*.

But really, the only thing that spoils *The CBS Years* is an unforgivable slackness in the discographical annotation, which leads the newcomer astray on several important points of personnel and chronology. "Budo", for example, was not recorded in 1956 with the same line-up as "Love for Sale" three years later; for a start, one was by a quintet, the other by a sextet. Bill Evans and Jimmy Cobb were not the pianist and drummer who played vital roles on the pivotal "Milestones"; Red Garland and Philly Joe Jones were.

These things matter, so it is worth the extra investment in the paperback edition of Ian Carr's fine biography, *Miles Davis* (Paladin Books), which straightens them out.

More obviously aimed at the serious collector, the four volumes of **Chet Baker in Paris** increase from 34 to 54 the number of items available from Barker's 1955-56 recordings for the Barclay label. These new compilations, which come from France via Phonogram's EmArcy subsidiary and render the versions on the Spanish Fresh Sound label obsolete, divide the material carefully enough, and it is possible to make particularly warm recommendations of Vol 1, which features the nine quartet items recorded with the astonishing and ill-fated young pianist Dick Twardzik, and Vol 2, further quartet items made a few days later in the shadow of Twardzik's death, marked by an atmosphere of tragic resignation.

Vol 4 consists of 16 alternative takes from various sessions, although, sadly, none with Twardzik.

It is harder to detect the rationale behind the appearance of **Great Moments in Jazz**, particularly since the same company, Atlantic Records, celebrated its 40th birthday a couple of years ago with a 15-disc box which summarized its involvement in jazz in a far more comprehensive and imaginative manner.

Great Moments duplicates two tracks from that compilation, Charles Mingus's "Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting" and Les McCann's "Compared to What", and otherwise concentrates on the more commercially successful aspects of the label's jazz output, from Shorty Rogers's "Martians Go Home" through Mel Tormé's "Comin' Home Baby" to Manhattan Transfer's "Birdland", by way of Herbie Mann, Mose Allison, Eddie Harris, Billy Cobham, Jean-Luc Ponty and Passport.

Ornette Coleman's "Ramblin' ", the MJQ's "The Golden Striker" and John Coltrane's "My Favourite Things" represent Atlantic's commitment to the harder stuff, but do not make much sense in this context.

David "Fathead" Newman's "Hard Times", in which the gifted Texan saxophonist takes the reins of the 1958 Ray Charles band, with Charles himself at the piano, was my only real discovery of this package: a cherishable slice of funky mainstream jazz, the sort of thing that jukeboxes were invented for.

Richard Williams



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These six splendid issues span every living generation of pianists, all very different musical personalities but all sharing a remarkable ability to complement a composer's musical vision through their own personalities. It seems only right to begin with the oldest of them, the octogenarian Claudio Arrau, whose disc of Mozart sonatas breathes a clean, eloquent, infinitely subtly expressive air, born of a lifetime of intense experience. He paces everything with a natural sense of space, and the quality of sound he produces is still as translucent and cultivated as it ever was. Artistry such as this can never become obsolete.

But if Arrau's disc is simply a joy, no less so is that mere septuagenarian Sviatoslav Richter's live recording, made in the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, of Beethoven's **Diabelli Variations**, in which, typically, formidable imagination and much power go hand in hand with an instinctively intellectual insight. Richter builds an impressive edifice indeed, combining brilliance and fury with a finely balanced poetic sense. Altogether this is just about an ideal match of soloist and music; both embrace all that there is to embrace, while Richter's bright, firm, tone quality suits the composer, and this work, to perfection.

Strictly speaking, Alfred Brendel must be reckoned as being from the next youngest generation, though the sheer spirituality of his art is deep enough for him to be acknowledged widely as one of the sages of his profession. His most recent version of Schubert's late **A major Sonata**, D959, is no mere repetition of his earlier readings – it is, in any case, one of the more absurd illusions created by the record industry that their wares represent any definitive viewpoint. Brendel exaggerates or suppresses different nuances, with on the whole, a mellower result. In his concerts one occasionally feels that he excludes his audience and indulges in a private communion with the composer.

CLASSICAL

Mozart: Piano Sonatas K284 and K533/494 Claudio Arrau. Philips 422 147-2 (CD)
Beethoven: Diabelli Variations, Op 120 Sviatoslav Richter. Philips 422 416-2 (CD)
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Bach: English Suites, BWV 806-811 Andras Schiff. Decca 421 640-2 (CD)
Chopin: Piano Sonatas Nos 2 and 3 Mitsuko Uchida. Philips 420 949-2 (CD)
Debussy: Images, Books I and II/Suite Bergamasque/2 Arabesques Cecile Ousset. EMI CDC 7 49497 2 (CD)

Here, however, the softish quality and the close recording of the sound and the inevitably intimate listening ambience conspire to draw the listener inexorably into his world, and a beautiful, by turns lyrical, mercurial and majestic one it is. The makeweights, though far less imposing as structures, are equally welcome for their beguiling warmth and freshness of invention.

Again from Philips, Mitsuko Uchida's disc of Chopin's second and third Piano Sonatas pleases me more than her Mozart often does. Uchida can sometimes sound bland in that composer's music, but here the sheer technical challenge which Chopin presents to her seems to fire her sense of spontaneity. Which is not to say that she sacrifices anything of the pristine, translucent quality of sound which distinguishes her playing. It also suits Chopin, bringing to the surface the classical nature of both of these pieces, while paradoxically lending the strange finale of the Second Sonata a new sense of mystery.

Clarity also marks Cecile Ousset's disc of Debussy from EMI. The strengths of this pianist's playing, her immense dynamic and tonal variety, her consistently refined yet always vivid and immediate response, never need encouragement. Her interpretations of both books of *Images* are exquisitely and always appositely shaded, whether in the darting motions of "Poissons d'Or" or in the slow contemplation of "Reflets dans l'eau". One feels this to be a real performance, not simply a studio session. The two *Arabesques* and the *Suite bergamasque*, though slighter pieces, are equally well done, beautifully poised on that fragile line which separates over- and under-statement, familiarity and eccentricity, in performance.

Finally to Andras Schiff and his recording for Decca of **Bach's English Suites** on the piano. Sheer heresy in this day and age? No, I do not think so. Schiff, though he avoids Glenn Gould-like excesses, unabashedly stamps his individuality upon these works, but does so with the kind of conviction and taste that make it impossible to argue with him. Much better to sit back, marvel at his musicianship, and wonder with awe what heights Schiff will have conquered when he, like Arrau, has reached 85.

Stephen Pettitt



Replacements: (from left) Tommy Stinson, Chris Mars, Paul Westerberg and Slim Dunlap

Roy's back again

ROCK

Roy Orbison: Mystery Girl (Virgin V2576)
The Replacements: Don't Tell a Soul (Sire/Reprise K9258311)

Roy Orbison's voice belongs to a different time. It reminds me of family holidays at the seaside in Wales when, on rainy afternoons, you might catch the strains of "Oh Pretty Woman" on the café jukebox, echoing disconsolately above the screeching noise of the coffee-making machine, or in the evening hear a snatch of "It's Over", battling against the static noise and fading signal frequency which always beset Radio Luxembourg.

It is highly unlikely that the compilation album *The Legendary Roy Orbison* would now be at the top of the album chart if the singer had not died last December, but there were nevertheless genuine signs of a renaissance in his career before tragedy struck. The latest album, Mystery Girl, would have been released about now in any event, and it makes a reasonable fist of bringing Orbison's tremulous balladeering style up to date while holding true to the spirit of dignified pathos that inspired all those wondrous hits in the Sixties.

Much of the music is composed by Orbison with writing and playing contributions from a host of celebrity admirers including Bono and The Edge, Elvis Costello, Albert Hammond and T-Bone Burnett, together with three of Orbison's Traveling Wilbury companions, George Harrison, Tom Petty and the ubiquitous Jeff Lynne.

Lynne's extraordinary facility for reproducing the essence of other people's music is responsible for the current hit single, the easy-going orchestral strumalong "You Got It". Lynne also wrote and produced the inconsequential "California Blue" and the soggy "A Love so Beautiful", a song in the Jason Donovan mould of kitsch, where Orbison's overwrought delivery topples into an abyss of bathos.

Costello's "The Comedians" is an odd choice but one which actually works rather well, its unconventional structure giving Orbison the scope to build up layers of dramatic emotion. My favourite is an unassuming little Stax pastiche titled "The Only One", tucked away in the middle of side two, which sounds as if he was having fun when he recorded it.

The Replacements from Minnesota are one of those engagingly pugnacious bands that sprang out of the American roots-rock explosion of 1985/6, a "movement" which everyone now seems to have forgotten along with groups like the Long Ryders and the Del Fuegos. **Don't Tell a Soul** is their first release since 1987's *Pleased to Meet Me*, and despite the group's disturbing tendency to make fools of themselves on stage, this album suggests that they could be another R.E.M. in the making.

There are riffs here of striking appeal, notably the friendly, jangly start of "Talent Show" and the harsh, moody reverberations of "Anywhere's Better Than Here", sequences that print themselves on the subconscious and sound entirely familiar the second time you hear them.

There are weaker moments too, where their ambition is stronger than their ideas. But the impression remains of a major talent slowly working its way to the surface.

David Sinclair

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BOOKS

Paying the price of fame

Karan Thapar reviews the latest biography of Jawaharlal Nehru



A biography is perhaps the posthumous penalty for fame, paid by most great politicians. Intimate details of their personal lives are laid bare, analysed, and pronounced upon; events are scrutinized for motive, and inevitably interpreted as part of some great scheme; and there is always a conclusion, a pithy, beguiling and leading sentence which sums up the subject.

Nehru has certainly paid this price. Indeed, the biographies began before he died. But on the whole they have been kind: the portrait they have painted has been of the shy, thoughtful, Harrovian; the profligate bachelor at Cambridge; the rich but bored barrister of the 1920s; and the slowly emerging but later defiant and courageous freedom fighter, loved by the Indian masses but not of them, torn between the England of his education (but rebelling against its imperialism) and his vision of a free India, while fighting to preserve its unity and staunch its sectarian strife. His dalliances have been treated amorally, his failures sympathetically, while his achievements have been trumpeted loudly.

Perhaps there is not much to quarrel with in this picture. At any rate it is the accepted wisdom of post-independence India, and fashion, if not also new fact, has yet to contradict it substantially, or at least widely.

But then why has Mr Akbar delivered himself of this fat and detailed 584-page volume? His *Nehru* is reminiscent of Gopal's three-volume study, or even Edwards's and Moraes's earlier efforts. And his debt to them and other sources is honestly and repeatedly acknowledged.

The answer, I suspect, lies in Akbar's treatment of two associated subjects: Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Nehru's contemporary rival; and Pakistan, the country he created. Although again the conclusions he reaches are not new they are argued with conviction and convincing detail, and they draw on fresh academic research that is yet to be widely disseminated.

Akbar argues that Pakistan was a needless and, at least till 1946, unjustified creation. "Pakistan was a chimera created by an artificially induced hatred," he writes, "a disturbed and dying man's belief that Muslim could not live beside Hindu, a conviction supported by nothing more than the power to incite violence."

NEHRU
The Making of India
By M.J. Akbar
Viking, £17.95

What brought Pakistan about was Jinnah's "hatred" for Hindus, and the connivance of the British, who willingly handed him a veto over any proposals which could have kept India united.

Akbar's verdict is that "British officials, the true imperialists, had conceded Pakistan to Jinnah long before all the thrashing around by the politicians and the nit-picking over solutions." But Akbar fails in convincingly establishing Jinnah's motive, or that of the British administrators he accuses of connivance. After all, the sub-continent could hardly have known a less religious, more "un-Islamic" Muslim than Jinnah, and generations of Raj officials had willingly accepted the white man's burden of keeping India whole. The explanations he hints at, a visceral hatred of Hindus and an unquenchable quest for power in Jinnah, and imperialism in the British, are at best incomplete.

Of course, for the author the point itself is sufficient. For his purpose is to show that "it is a total mystery how Nehru or the Congress leaders can be held responsible for Pakistan. Pakistan was created by Jinnah's will and Britain's willingness, not by Nehru's mistakes." But it leaves the most interesting element of this book unfinished.

It does, however, lead to a further pertinent conclusion. How did Pakistan, created in what were anyway Muslim majority provinces, solve the Hindu-Muslim problem? "Those Muslims with a sense of insecurity remained precisely where they were; those who had nothing to fear from Hindus formed a separate country in the name of fear."

Yet all of this could have been written, with perhaps more focus and undoubtedly more tightly, if Akbar had not decided that his chosen vehicle had to be a biography of Nehru. After all, as a Muslim he has a poignancy and a relevance in presenting this thesis which any other Indian or academic would lack. He cannot be accused of making a Hindu point. And, of course, he is arguing, at least partly, in self-justification. His family chose to stay on in secular India rather than migrate to Muslim Pakistan. But what's wrong with that?

By compressing this analysis within the framework of a biography he has buried his real substance under a mountain of verbiage and unexceptional detail. The only advantage of the rest seems to be anecdotal proof that Nehru and Edwina Mountbatten were lovers. Akbar's real thesis deserved better treatment. For that matter Nehru, too, could have done with a more critical biography.

Riddles from the Russians

THRILLERS
Tim Heald

SEVENTEEN MOMENTS OF SPRING
By Julian Semyonov
John Calder, £12.95

Russian banger with all the vim of a vintage Lagonda. I can think of one or two progressives who will consider it impossibly silly and snobby, but that's their problem. For anyone with a sense of style and tradition it is highly recommended.

Semyonov is a fascinating by-product of *glasnost*. For years the existence of anything as decadent as a home-grown Russian thriller was shrugged off as being as ludicrous as the idea of a Russian tart or drug dealer. Now, suddenly, Semyonov has been unleashed on an unsuspecting West as the Soviet Union's most popular writer, their answer to Le Carré and, perhaps most insidiously, the boss of a new international association of crime writers which has already held meetings in Cuba, Yalta, and Gijon in Spain.

In 1987 he was over to promote a novel called *Tass is authorized to announce*, which was intriguing (literally) because it fought the Cold War from the KGB point of view, but ineffective because it had all the sophistication and technical brilliance of a Lada saloon. (Not that that stopped the credulous from being gulled.) This latest effort is a new translation of a 1973 novel dealing with the death throes of the Third Reich.

From an ideological point of view it has a macabre fascination. Allen and John Foster Dulles are plausibly made out to be, in effect, Nazi agents. Churchill is portrayed as a fanatical anti-Bolshevik, and Uncle Joe appears to be a goody. Sample quote: "While he [i.e. that beast Churchill] saw Russia as a mortal danger, to the people who had suffered under Nazi occupation, Russia was a symbol of liberation."

Interesting to hear what Baltic crime-buffs make of that sort of thing. In a technical sense I thought this creaked a little less than *Tass is authorized*, but comparisons with Le Carré are fatuous. We are told in the blurb that at the Geneva conference Semyonov (he's a globe-trotting journo as well) asked Gorbachov what should be done about cultural exchange. The reported reply was, "Julian, that is your job."

You have been warned.

● **Hazard Chase**, by Jeremy Potter *(Constable, £10.95)* Another reissue, but this time an entirely welcome one. Potter's little classic first appeared a quarter of a century ago, but is still the second best crime book ever to involve the world's greatest game. Potter describes Real Tennis matches with an expert knowledge which manages to communicate the excitement of the game even to the ignorant.

In other respects the book has many of the hallmarks of the English golden age — a stately home, a royal palace, a villainous foreigner or two, a missing Holbein and a stolen manuscript, an eccentric titled personage, and even a retired major. For sheer fun and exuberance it outpaces the fiction since 1945, from Bill Golding to Salman Rushdie.

Selected Letters of Oscar Wilde, edited by Rupert Hart-Davis (Oxford, £6.95) Life through brilliant, funny letters, including the long letter to Bosie from Reading Gaol known as *De Profundis*.

The War the Infantry Knew, 1914-1919, by Captain J. C. Dunn (Cardinal, £8.99) Classic account of the trenches in France and Belgium with the 2nd Bn Royal Welch Fusiliers assembled from their personal records by one of their medical officers.

POETRY

Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyám, translated by Edward FitzGerald, edited with an introduction by Dick Davis (Penguin Poetry, £2.50) The moving finger writes; and, having writ, remains a favourite period piece.

Selected Poems, by Osip Mandlestam, translated by Clarence Brown & W. S. Merwin (Penguin, £4.99) The incorrigible delight in his art by the poet who bore witness to the plight of Russia under Stalin, and paid for it with his life.

● **Alistair Maclean's Death Train**, by Alistair MacNeill *(Collins, £11.95)* Publishing can be a sad business at times, and you can hardly get more depressing than hiring someone to pad out old film treatments by the late Alistair Maclean into full length novels. This is a sort of Bondified Freeman Wills Croft with an armed nun aboard the 4.45 from Modena. Students of the genre will be reassured to know that Maclean's ghost can still conjure up girls with "fine features" and "a perfect neck". Better yet — and this was new on me — "Her movements were graceful and elegant and her handshake firm without losing any of its femininity." Sounds like the Roedean lacrosse team clasp — a deft touch indeed.

● **The Expatriates**, by William Haggard *(Hodder & Stoughton, £10.95)* This tale of shootybangs in a thinly-disguised Cyprus gives every indication of being an entirely original piece of work, even to the extent of not including such Haggard familiars as Colonel Russell and that grand Old Harrovian Sooty, Willy Smith. There is a Maharajah, and an intrepid English gel who has to be stripped out of a wet-suit, and a wily Turk called Mehmet Eldem. Oh, and a secretary of state called Elliot Lash who, and this is typical of the excellent Haggard, refers to a game of tennis next day and an opponent who could lay remarkable chases. He offers this information without explanation, knowing that it will perplex the barbarians of whom this author is mercifully and emphatically not one.

I tend to hagiography where Haggard is concerned, but then I have a soft spot for old pros who can play all the right shots from memory. And I do like the idea of St Mildred's, Oxford. If it hasn't been invented in real life the university should do so at once and put Haggard in charge. He'd make a marvellous Master of St Mildred's.

Poet of pity and scorn

PAPERBACKS
James Wood



KEITH DOUGLAS
Desmond Graham
OUP, £6.95

"This is the saddest story I have ever heard": that famously plangent opening to Ford Madox Ford's *The Good Soldier* might well begin Desmond Graham's biography. Keith Douglas was indeed a good soldier and a better poet, but when war came, all the genius of the latter could not save him from the fate of the former: he died at the age of 24, with a life still ahead of him and some fine poems behind him. Those poems are remarkable because all of them, even the earliest, glint with the search for a new voice, and three or four of them are great poems because they fully find it, singing with it in all its lush lyricism: "The lilies of ambition/ still spring in their climate, still unpicked:/ but time, time is all I lacked . . ." Douglas wrote these lines less than a year before his death.

Although Graham does not suggest a comparison, Douglas's development as a poet resembles Auden's. Like the young Auden, he had a childhood of fierce and solitary thoughtfulness and a boyhood of brutal precocity (at the age of six he wrote home from boarding school: "The little boy I sleep with is sometimes nice and sometimes boring."). Like the young Auden, he was a serenely self-willed poet who developed so fast at Oxford as a writer that there was no time for literary uncertainty. Auden told his tutor that he intended to be "a great poet"; when a friend complained to Douglas that the latter's poetry held no depth of feeling, Douglas called him "astonishingly insensitive".

Unlike Auden, he went to war in 1941, determined to "bloody well make my mark . . . for I will not come back". He did not, but his poems did, and a handful of them are the finest of the entire war. In "Aristocrats", written in 1943, Douglas combines pity, admiration and scorn for the noble heroics of his dying fellow-officers. The stubby satire of "Peter was unfortunately killed by an 88:/ it took his leg away . . . he said/ It's most unfair, they've shot my foot off" suddenly melts in a swoon of rhetoric as beautiful as it is precise:

How can I live among this gentle
obsolescent breed of heroes, and not weep?
Unicorns, almost,
for they are falling into two legends
in which their stupidity and chivalry
are celebrated. Each, fool and hero, will be an immortal.

Graham is no Madox Ford: his biography is thorough, exact, austere and hardly moving. He records the facts, audits the poems, and leaves us to it. Some will like that; others may regret that a heart-rending story has not been heart-rendingly told.

Sparkling showpiece

Vivian Ellis



COCHRAN
By James Harding
Methuen, £14.95

I must begin by declaring an interest. For the last 25 years of his life until his tragic death in 1950, I was intimately associated with CB — as A.P. Herbert and I always addressed him — and his "star"-crossed wife, Evelyn. But even I was unprepared for the book of revelations by James Harding. Instead of the usual catalogue of productions associated with theatrical luminaries, he has, with his erudite and illuminating annotations, given us a fascinating account of the switchback career of our greatest showman.

On stage the reader is made aware of the perils of promoting boxing or the rise and rise of a Noel Coward, together with the pitfalls of importing a cornucopia of talent and beauty, and laying it at the feet of a sometimes uncomprehending audience. Off stage we have another story. Unlike the bland volumes dictated by Cochran during one of his bankrupt periods, Dr Harding reveals all. There's the combination of courage and folly, the generosity and ruthlessness, the Micawberish optimism with which CB could woo a backer or chorus girl, as well as the aphrodisiac effect upon him of any French actress. Alice Delysia (always Madame Delysia to Evelyn Cochran and Mrs Delysia to Lady Wyndham) was one. During one of Cochran's many financial crises Alice sold all her jewellery in an effort to extricate him from his difficulties. Artistes such as Bea Lillie, Gertie Lawrence, and Jack Buchanan were poached from his rival in revue, André Charlot, and given the full Cochran treatment.

CB was justly proud of his suppertime shows in London's Trocadero restaurant. In one of them a Cochran Young Lady performed a graceful sword dance. She was exceptionally pretty and her name was Marjorie Robertson. Later she changed her name to Anna Neagle. Others made the change by marrying into the peerage.

Always the showman, Cochran was adept in his handling of the Press. With success he would blow himself up like a Christmas turkey. Failure converted him into a barn owl who had unaccountably fallen from his perch. One omission in Dr Harding's meticulously researched book is the absence of any reference to Edythe Baker, the American pianist in the cast of *One Dam' Thing After Another*. With her white piano and ash-blonde bob, Edythe enchanted the London Pavilion audiences with her rendering of "The Birth of the Blues" and "My Heart Stood Still".

The paucity of good illustrations is a disappointment, partly redeemed by a small photo of the newly ennobled CB, arm-in-arm with Evelyn, and wearing a hat of doubtful ancestry together with an expression bearing a striking resemblance to that of the actor Ernest Thesiger. Evelyn of the sorrowful witticisms is depicted from bottle to cork, but in the case of her husband Dr Harding has uncorked the bottle, and its contents are never less than sparkling.

QUICK GUIDE

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting paperbacks published this week:

After a Fashion, by Stanley Middleton (Arrow, £3.99) Middling academic in university not a million miles from Nottingham, having given up emotional life after desertion by actress wife, challenged by sundry women to break out of dry rut.

Away from Home, by Penelope Farmer (Abacus, £3.99) Travels among foreigners and through her private lives with an Englishwoman perspicacious about everything except herself.

The Barren Patch, by Sally Burton (Penguin, £2.99) Cheerful frolic of two bachelor girls in modern West London bereft of men, and on the hunt, giggling.

Bluebeard's Egg, Dancing Girls, Life Before Man, Surfacing, by Margaret Atwood (Virago, £3.95 each) Short stories and novels in smart new edition from one of our generation's finest recorders of the eternal relationships between women and men, and past and present.

The Casualty, by Heinrich Böll, translated by Leila Vennewitz (The Hogarth Press, £4.95) Powerful short stories of the ordinary German trapped in the despair, and horror, and spiritual degradation of the last war.

Eyrbyggia Saga, translated with introduction and notes by Hermann Pálsson & Paul Edwards (Penguin Classics, £3.99) Mixing history with wild imagination, the 13th-century Icelandic saga novel dramatizing the past, from the pagan anarchy of the Vikings to Christianity, the settlement of Iceland, and the beginnings of organized society.

G, by John Berger (The Hogarth Press, £6.95) Winner of 1972 Booker Prize (which the author promptly spurned, at any rate partially) Avant-garde chronicle of Don Giovanni/Garibaldi figure pursuing the elusive promise of sexual and political freedom at the beginning of the century.

Temporary Shelter, by Mary Gordon (Penguin, £3.99) Short stories of relationships with acute narrator.

The Shadow Bride, by Roy Heath (Flamingo, £4.95) Doctor returns home determined to serve destitute fellow East Indians in Guyana, and spends his life in exotic family saga and struggles in an immigrant community.

A Touch of Mistletoe, by Barbara Comyns, with new introduction by Barbara Craig (Virago, £4.95) Story of girls from Warwickshire stately home finding out about life in the Sixties.

Two Lives and a Dream, by Marguerite Yourcenar, translated by the author and Walter Kaiser (Black Swan, £4.50) Three splendid novellas set in 17th-century Holland and 16th-century Naples by one of our century's finest historical and contemporary novelists.

NON-FICTION

A Common Policy for Education, by Mary Warnock (Oxford, £4.95) Mistress of Girton, former headmistress of Oxford High, in trenchant form on the state of education at every level, starting balefully with the Government.

Granta 25, Murder (Penguin, £4.99) Lively new writing, fact and fiction, around the old topic, from Ian Jack on Gibraltar to Martin Amis's "The Murderer".

How to be a Yank and More Wisdom, by George Mikes (Penguin, £3.99) Minibus from the shrewd observer of human nature of many nationalities, putting together three of his funny books previously unpaperbacked.

Leonardo da Vinci, The Marvellous Works of Nature and Man, by Martin Kemp (Dent, £12.95) This integrated picture of Leonardo's art, science, life and thought won the 1981 Mitchell Prize for best first book on art history.

Little Germany, by Rosemary Ashton (Oxford, £6.95) Engrossing and entertaining account of the remarkable German refugees from political repression, and their new lives in Victorian Britain.

No, Not Bloomsbury, by Malcolm Bradbury (Arrow, £5.99) Collected writings on British



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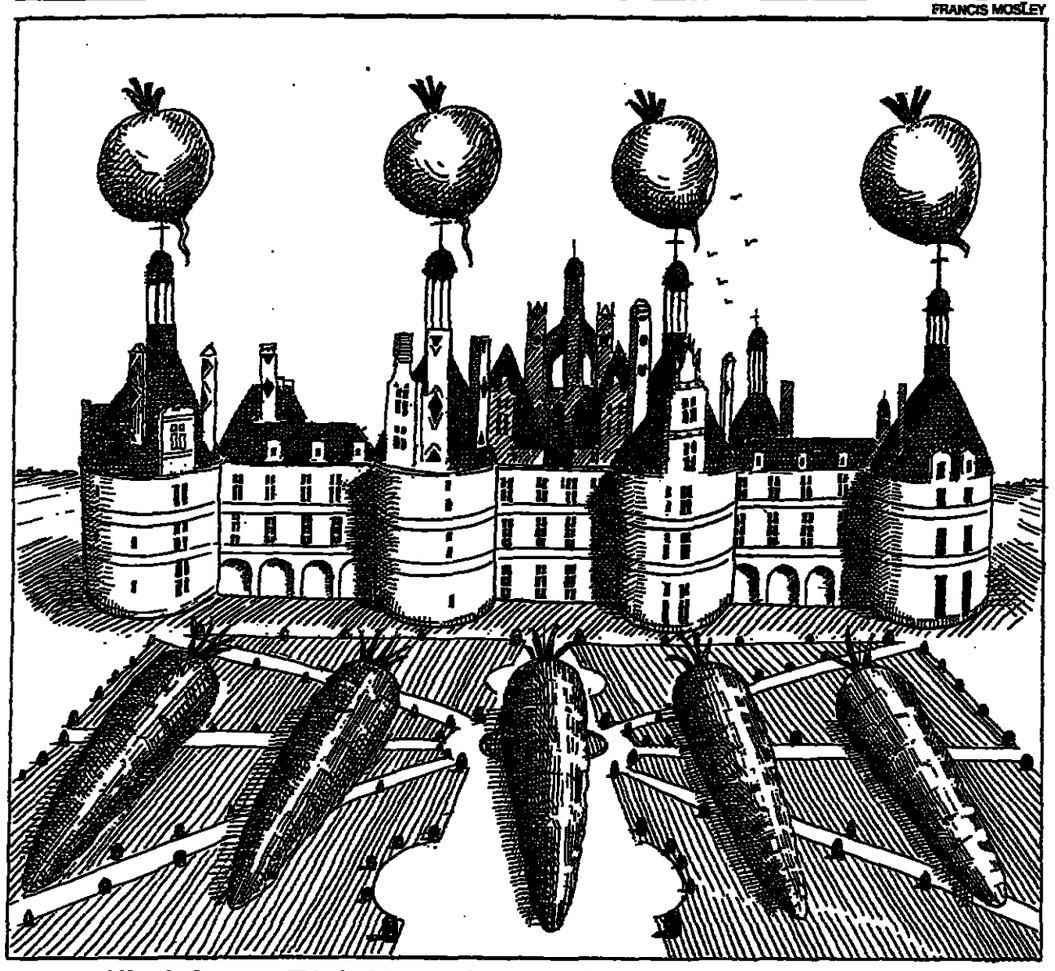
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EATING OUT

French to a formula

Who is giving the fixed-price menu a bad name? Jonathan Meades sets off to investigate two recently opened examples of Gallic charm

FRANCIS MOSLEY



One of the many sorts of restaurant to which the mass-catering industry has succeeded in giving a bad name, is the fixed-price, formula-menu French type. There are quite a few of these around: chain-owned, unimaginative clichés of Outre-Manche. Among the kilos of bumf that are weekly forced through my letter box there are usually to be found details of yet another new enterprise with a thread-bare gimmick and unmistakably French moniker — La Gouine, Le Pédalo, or whatever; the PR package will, likely as not, invite me to apply for details of a franchise deal. This is all very depressing, not least, I imagine, for anyone who has appreciated the worth of those sound and formerly ubiquitous places which made eating in France a bargain as well as a pleasure; they are, alas, increasingly rarely to be found, but that hardly detracts from the appeal of the set, limited-choice menu which lets you know in advance how much you are going to pay, all-in.

As with any other kind of restaurant all that matters ultimately is the quality and the conviction of the execution; I must admit that I had not previously visited **Carapace** in Hampstead simply because I expected it to be as poor as all the rest in this field. It turns out, however, to be brand-leader by several lengths. It is not part of a chain, it seems to have got its formula right, it appears to be packing in a clientele that knows when it is on to a good thing.

Its premises comprise a rather chaotically converted late-Georgian cottage next to the Quaker Meeting House in Hampstead Village. You enter through a flagged garden, descend to a basement where there is a bar — and no greeter. The bar is not exactly messy, but looks as though it has not been cleared since the previous service — this is the initial indication of the place's understaffing.

Eventually, an understandably harassed girl leads you up another staircase to a dimly-lit, panelled dining room with a few too many tables squashed into it. The menu (£22.50) includes a glass of kir as an aperitif; ask for an unusually sweet kir and you incur the slight, though manifest, resentment of the waitress. This is because you are bucking the system — the kir is already mixed (very weakly) in a bottle and your request entails the said party in having to fetch a glass with extra cassis in it. The first course — no choice, it is already on the table — comprises decent toasted bread, tubs of butter and cream cheese with onions and garlic: it tastes rather like the industrial cheese called Boursin but is less aggressive.

This is followed, after a protracted wait, by jambon de Bayonne or marinated trout. The former is thickly cut in the manner that is characteristically French and which makes the Italians wave their arms in horror. The trout is odd: the marinade contains lime, ginger and something worryingly sweet. Next on — this time almost before you have finished the above — is something like an old-fashioned bicycle basket bulging with raw vegetables, and, alongside it, three dips: a thick vinaigrette in which the flavour of "French" mustard from Norwich predominates; a garlic mayonnaise; a good anchovy mayonnaise. This last sauce suggests that the kitchen is at least competent, and that impression is more than reinforced by a lemon and parsley sorbet.

At the next stage, there is a choice of two meats, a fish and something else. The quality of the meat is unmistakably good. Lamb cutlets get a sauce of basil and mint. Beef rib, chargrilled and generously served, comes with a fine garlic and caper sauce and a delicious celeriac purée which has been moulded like a child's jelly. Roughly speaking, the meal gets better as it goes on, and this improvement is maintained with the puddings; a sort of tarte tatin made with pears was sufficient for three and was really outstanding.

None of this cooking is notably subtle, but that is not the point. Carapace is a place for a blow-out; there is an unstinting copiousness to its dishes and the cooking is never less than competent. A half-bottle of wine per head is included in the cost. If you opt to drink other than the house wine, £2.50 per head is knocked off the price of whatever bottle you choose. With a bottle of Brouilly and a glass of grocer's port, we paid £60.

Le Chambord is a similarly unpretentious outfit which has recently opened in the hardly altered surrounds of a sometime Italian place. As a token of its new-found Frenchness, there is a photograph of the titular château (which was, incidentally, part-Italian in its design) but otherwise one might be in any comfortable old-style Soho Italian establishment. This seems to extend to the staff, who may or may not have come with the premises; they have a harried, driven air; the lunchtime I was there, they did not seem more than vaguely familiar with the menu, which comprises standard-issue late 1980s Franglais dishes and a few French bourgeois favourites of yesteryear. The trouble with the latter, if a blanquette de veau is anything to go by, is that they are prepared in a manner familiar to bistro patrons of 15 years ago: the blanquette was marred by gristly meat and a watery sauce. Lamb cutlets were not much more exciting though they were undoubtedly more conscientiously prepared. There were passable starters of fish salad and fennel soup. The most impressive features of the meal were a classic crème brulée and tremendous vegetables — carrots, turnips and cucumber turned in butter and provided in gargantuan portions. £58 for two with a bottle of minor but agreeable Burgundy.

● The telephone number for 15 North Parade is 0865 513773.

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DIRECTORY

This is a changing selection of restaurants visited in recent months — managements and standards may have changed. Stars — up to a maximum of 10 — are for cooking rather than swags and chandeliers. Dishes described are included to give an indication of the cooking but may well have changed. Prices quoted are for a three-course meal with drinks for two, and are determined according to the "When in Rome" principle: in the case of French places, aperitifs and a bottle of modest wine; tea in the case of oriental ones; beer or lassi in the case of Indian ones and so on. JM.

FRENCH

L'Amandier
7 Kentish Town Road, London NW1 (01-485 8804)
★★★
Some of the attempts to tart up what is good, basic grub, are rather laughable, but such things as pork with calvados and cream or salad of smoked duck are absolutely correct. £32.

The Left Bank
88 Ifield Road, London SW10 (01-352 0970)
★★★★★
Gutsy cooking by Breton chef Roger Houart. Try the well sauced sweetbreads, the marinated salmon with crème fraîche, the duck livers with chicory. Enterprising selection of wines and very good service. £50.

Grill St Quentin
136 Brompton Road, London SW3 (01-581 8377)
★★★
Good steak and chips joint frequented by local French. Regional wines, iffy service. £46

Cezanne's
68 Richmond Road, Twickenham, Middlesex (01-892 3526)
★★
Unimpressive cooking in unimpressive surroundings. The dishes are purportedly French. Well priced *petits vins*. £55.

Hiders
755 Fulham Road, London SW6 (01-736 8524)
★★★★★
Dimly lit, swishly decorated haven for the braying middle class. Service is exceptionally smooth and much of the cooking is good despite the off-putting menu-speak. Kidney and sweetbreads with two sauces, chicken and goat cheese mousse, fine crème brulée, well selected English and French farmhouse cheeses. £60.

L'Auberge de Provence
St James's Court Hotel, 41 Buckingham Gate, London SW1 (01-821 1899)
★★★★★
Seriously overpriced hotel restaurant which is run in consultation with L'Oustau de Baumanière near Arles. The cooking is more authentically Provençal than the rather dire décor. Most dishes are a touch too over-elaborate really to work. Service is friendly and rather chaotic. £110.

Le Mesurier
113 Old Street, London EC1 (01-251 8117)
★★★★★
Small, neat establishment in an area largely bereft of places to eat. The cooking is accomplished: monkfish with pastis sauce, goose liver with brioche and candied oranges. Everything is generously served. The excellent cheeses are left for punters to help themselves. £60.

Café Flo
205 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 (01-435 6744)
★★
Basic "French" dishes — steak and passable chips, unseasoned gigot with flageolet beans, goodish vichyssoise. £35.

FINCHLEY ROAD

Umeno-Ya
253 Finchley Road, London NW3 (01-435 8602)
★★★★★
Delightful and kitsch-ily got up Japanese cafe whose cooking is of a far higher standard than many smarter places. Flavours are unusually assertive and portions are larger than the norm. £33.

Satay Jaya
17-18 New College Parade, Finchley Road, London NW3 (01-722 9605)
No stars
The good thing about this elegant Malaysian place is the air-conditioning. £27.

Laurent
428 Finchley Road, London NW2 (01-794 3603)
★★★★★★
Far and away the best of the few London restaurants that do couscous. The grain is served with various combinations of: grilled lamb and merguez sausages and with first class broth. Cheap and potent Moroccan wine. £28.

Wakaba
122a Finchley Road, London NW3 (01-586 7960)
★★★★★
The *ne plus ultra* of minimalist décor, John Pawson's interior looks like the unfinished canteen of a hi-tech micro optics lab in Uppsala. The fairly standard Japanese repertoire is done with real brio. The inventive appetizers include deep-fried salmon skin, which is delicious. £60.

Quincy's
675 Finchley Road, Child's Hill, London NW2 (01-794 8499)
★★★★★
Cramped neighbourhood bistro with a faithful following. The cooking is essentially English and generally polished. Meats tend to get sweetish sauces. Amiable service, useful short wine list. £52.

Uncle Ian's Deli and Diner
1105 Finchley Road, NW11 (01-458 3493/8178)
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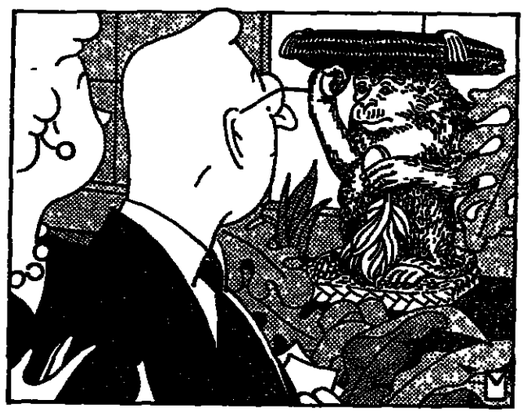
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COLLECTING

Too much monkey business

Majolica has had a colourful past, its tin glaze twisting a traveller's tale



"We never knew what to do with this simian ancestor of the garden gnome," said the owner, "until Hugo went in for a trendy Victorian-type conservatory. He seems to be quite at home among the jungle growth. The monkey, that is, Hugo too, come to think of it."

"Very appropriate," replied the valuer. *"The monkey was meant to serve as a garden set when Minton made it about 1870. A similar one was sold by Christie's last year for a little over £7,000."*

"If the buyer wants to make a pair, he's very welcome to this one at the same price. Was that a freak result, or par for the course?"

"These animal and bird subjects in so-called majolica have been in strong demand over the last couple of years, though I wouldn't bank on much further appreciation in the short term."

"Why do you say 'so called'? Is it majolica or isn't it?"

"It is, but only in the sense that Minton and their followers used the term to describe a type of decorative ware first shown, in a limited way, at the Great Exhibition of 1851. Herbert Minton got the idea from some green-glazed flower pots he had seen in France. It was a French technician at the Minton factory in Stoke-on-Trent — one Léon Arnoux — who developed it, in time to go to town with the product at the 1855 Paris Exhibition. Three other Frenchmen — Emile Jeannest, Albert Carrier de Belleuse and Hugues Protat — all worked as modellers of majolica wares for Minton in the 1850s."

"And were they responsible for things like my monkey?"

"Vases and dishes, mainly. The modellers of life-size animals and birds were another Frenchman, Paul Comolera, and John Henk."

"The Gallic influence seems to have been remarkably strong. Is majolica the French name for this sort of pottery?"

"No, it was originally an Italian corruption of Majorca. In the late Middle Ages, Spanish-Moorish pottery with a lustre glaze was shipped to Italy from Valencia via Majorca, and the Italians assumed it was made there."

"How naive. Everyone knows that presents from Majorca are made in Taiwan."

"During the Italian Renaissance, a number of places — Urbino, Venice, Genoa, Faenza among them — produced a rather similar ware that became known as 'majolica' or 'maiolica'. It was coated with a lead glaze to which oxide of tin was added to provide a surface for painting figures, historical scenes, flowers and scrolls in brilliant colours. Then, in the 17th century, when Chinese blue-and-white porcelain began to be imported into Europe in large quantities, the Italians were obliged to compete, and the polychrome palette was largely discontinued."

"When did the French connection begin?"

"Italian potters and painters settled in Lyons and Nevers in the 16th century, producing a simply decorated version of this tin-enamelled ware which the French, associating it with Faenza, called faience."

"So, to recap: the Italians called theirs by the name of a Spanish island that was used only in transit, and the French named theirs after only one of the Italian towns that actually made it. But it was basically the same thing because it had tin in the glaze."

"Whereas the glaze on Minton's ware had none. That is why we are careful to call it majolica, to distinguish it from maiolica."

"Right. Now — suppose I were to sell my majolica monkey, and reinvest in a piece of maiolica, what could I hope to get?"

"Sotheby's sold a magnificent pair of early 16th-century Venetian pots last year for £28,600. But with £6,000-£7,000 to spend, you could treat yourself to a slightly later but very acceptable albarello."

"And what, may one ask, is an albarello?"

"A drug jar, as used by your friendly Renaissance apothecary."

"Out of the question. I'm afraid. Hugo would never allow anything connected with the drug scene on the premises."

Peter Philp

SALES GUIDE

DRAWINGS AND WATERCOLOURS: English and European works, mostly 19th-century, estimates ranging from £100 to £2,500.
Phillips, 7 Blenheim Street, New Bond Street, London W1 (01-629 6602).
Mon, 11am.

FURNITURE: Eighteenth, nineteenth century and later furniture and garden statuary.
Henry Spencer & Sons, 20 The Square, Retford, Nottinghamshire (0777 708633). Mon, 11am.

VICTORIAN PICTURES: English and Victorian pictures, watercolours and drawings. Also jewellery sale
Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-581 7611). Tues, 2pm.

DIAMONDS: A sale of important diamond, coloured stone and post-war period jewellery, ranging from a pair of turquoise and diamond earclips (estimate £200-300) to an unmounted 8.02-carat brilliant-cut white diamond (estimate £40,000-50,000).
Phillips, Blenheim Street, as above. Tues, 1.30pm.

OBJECTS OF VERTU: This category of luxury knick-knacks includes silver pill, powder and patch boxes, decorative miniatures, gold cigar cutters, scent bottles, elaborate nutmeg graters, and more.
Bonhams, Montpelier Street, London SW7 (01-589 4072). Tues, 11am.

RACECOURSE SALE: Antique furniture, 18th and 19th-century paintings, British post-Impressionist and modern paintings, including works by Dorothea Sharp and Dame Laura Knight, are to be auctioned by Andrew Grant.
The Grandstand, Worcester Racecourse (enquiries: 0905 357547). Thurs, 11am.

PRINTS: English and Continental prints, many unframed, including works after Picasso, Braque, Miró, Chagall, Matisse and many lesser-known artists. A good proportion of prints carry no estimate, so hammer prices are likely to be well under £100.
Christie's South Kensington, as above. Wed, 2pm.

SOTHEBY'S IN SUSSEX: Four sales at Summers Place, Billingshurst, West Sussex (040381 3933). Selected prints, watercolours and oil paintings: Tues, 10.30am and 2pm; good antique and modern silver and plate: Wed, 10.30am; portrait miniatures, fans, silver smallwork and objects of vertu: Wed, 2pm; good Continental ceramics and services: Thurs, 10.30am.

TOYS AND DOLLS: A comprehensive sale including tinplate toys and games, diecast toys, trains and trainsets (morning session); dolls and teddies (afternoon).
Christie's South Kensington, as above. Thurs, 10.30am and 2pm.

PRINTED BOOKS: More than 400 lots covering a wide range: novels, biography, folklore, history, art, bibliography, and private press books. The second edition of Samuel Johnson's famous *Dictionary* (1755) in two volumes is expected to sell for £400-600.
Bloomsbury Book Auctions, 3 & 4 Hardwick Street, off Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-833 2636). Thurs, 1pm.

Jenny Gilbert

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THE TIMES COOK

The truth about tripe

Frances Bissell tries out some sturdy dishes which are enriched with a gelatinous glaze

DIANA LEADBETTER



Sticky food has an enormous appeal in winter. I'm thinking of those dishes enriched with pigs' trotters, belly pork or a calf's foot that slowly release gelatine which combines with the cooking juices to produce a sauce that is silky smooth, yet sticks your lips together afterwards. Somehow they create a sensation of extra warmth and well-being. Perhaps this is because of the appetizing smells that accompany these slow cooked dishes.

I love to cook tripe at this time of year, even though what we buy now is a poor relative of real tripe. What we get is bleached, scraped and partly cooked, not like those great pinky-grey slabs you find in butchers' shops on the continent.

In Portugal tripe would be cooked with a calf's foot or gammon knuckle in the Porto style tripe dish as well as haricot beans, spicy sausage and ham, and in the classic *"dobrada"* recipe, plenty of chick peas. The great Mexican tripe dish is *"menudo"*, a veal knuckle providing just the right sticky quality, and the flavour being provided by coriander, garlic and plenty of chillis. Not very different is the Madrileno version, with plenty of spices, ham and sausage.

My recipe for tripe probably most closely resembles the Normandy tripe dish *"à la mode de Caen"*, with its use of cider. You could also add a splash of Calvados. I have suggested pigs' trotters, but you could use chunks of belly pork provided you keep the skin on, since this a good source of gelatine. Or use a calf's foot if you can get one. Oxtail, shin beef and certain cuts of veal are all good foundation meats for these winter stews, but consider, too, adding one of the gelatine-rich ingredients to a lamb or pork casserole. A pig's trotter is still cheap, for example. A knuckle of bacon makes a good starter for a thick soup made from one of the pulses, such as the lentil soup recipe I give.

Certain types of fish also produce good, sticky, winter dishes, especially those belonging to the shark family like the skate and the monkfish. Their bones are more like soft cartilage, and they, too, give a gelatinous texture to any sauces made from their cooking juices. I have adapted below one of my favourite versions of the classic skate in brown butter. I suggest that you do not serve more than one sticky dish at a meal.

Lentil soup
(Serves 4 to 6)

- 1-1½lb/455-680g knuckle of bacon
- 1 leek
- 1 carrot
- 2 onions
- 1 celery stalk
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ tbsp peppercorns
- ½lb/230g blonde lentils
- 1 tbsp olive oil

Blonde lentils are the broad, flat, greenish-yellow lentils. The soup can equally well be made with brown or green lentils.

Soak the bacon in water for 20 minutes while you prepare the vegetables. Peel or trim and thinly slice them. Put them, except for one onion, in a saucepan. Put the bacon on top and cover with plenty of water. Add the bay leaf and peppercorns, and bring slowly to the boil. Simmer for 3 hours, until you have plenty of good stock and the meat is tender. While the stock is simmering, soak the lentils for half an hour. Then fry the remaining onion in the olive oil, until golden and add the drained, soaked lentils. Cover with water and simmer very gently until tender, adding a little more water as necessary.

Remove the bacon and strain the stock. Allow it to cool slightly, and then put 1pt/570ml in a blender with three quarters of the lentils. Blend until smooth and pour into a saucepan together with another pint (570ml) stock and the rest of the lentils. Shred a little of the cooked bacon into the saucepan. Bring the soup to the boil, add more salt if necessary, and pour into heated soup bowls. If you make the stock a day in advance, you can, of course cook the lentils in the stock.

If there is any stock left, you can use it with the bacon as follows: remove the rest of the meat from the knuckle and pack it into a wetted loaf tin or other container which will hold the meat with about ½in/1cm to spare. Strain on enough stock to just cover the meat and then cover and refrigerate. It will set to a jelly which can be turned out and sliced. The meat will have little flavour; that will all be in the jelly, but it makes a good starter or sandwich filling served with lettuce and plenty of mustard to liven up the taste.

Seville oranges provide the lively taste in the next recipe which is based on the classic skate with brown butter. Instead of deglazing the pan with vinegar, I use the juice and zest of a bitter orange. If you cannot find Seville oranges, use limes, lemons or, for an unusual combination, grapefruit.

Skate with Seville orange sauce
(Serves 4)

- 2½lb/1.10kg skate wings
- 1 tbsp vinegar
- ¼ tsp salt.
- 1 Seville orange
- 3oz/85g unsalted butter
- 2 tbsp capers
- salt
- pepper

Have the skate cut into 4 pieces, or more, of a size to fit a large frying pan, sauté pan or roasting tin. Put the fish in this, and cover with water to which you have added the vinegar and salt. Bring gently to simmering point, let the water shudder once or twice, and remove from the heat. After 8 or 10 minutes, the fish should be nicely cooked, but if the pieces are particularly thick, give them a little longer. Remove the fish to a warm serving dish, cover loosely with foil, put in a warm place. Pour most of the cooking liquid away, except for about 3 tablespoons (keep the liquid for fish soup if you know you will be making some in the near future).

Grate the zest from the orange on to a plate, and then squeeze the juice into a small jug. Heat the pan, and when the cooking juices have all but evaporated, add the butter. Let this melt and brown and then pour it over the fish. Boil up the orange juice and zest in the same pan, and then pour it over the fish. Scatter on the capers and serve immediately.

Tripe cooked in cider
(Serves 4)

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 or 3 cloves
- ¼ tsp ground or crushed allspice
- 1 tsp ground or crushed coriander seeds
- 4 gloves garlic
- 2½lb/1.10kg honeycomb tripe, rinsed and thoroughly dried
- 3 or 4 halves of sun-dried tomatoes cut into strips, or 3 fresh tomatoes, peeled, seeded and quartered
- salt and pepper
- 2 tbsp finely chopped parsley
- grated zest of a lemon

Put the pig's trotter in a small saucepan and cover with the cider. Bring slowly to the boil, and simmer gently for 3 hours; then start to prepare the rest of the dish. If you wish, you can omit the pig's trotter, but it does give a wonderful silky richness to the finished dish. Something of the same effect can be obtained by softening a leaf or a teaspoon of gelatine in water, and adding it before serving.

Peel and slice the onion, and fry it in the olive oil until golden brown. Add the spices and fry these with the onion. Peel and slice the garlic. Cut the tripe into strips 1 inch by 2 inch (2.5cm by 5cm). Add the tripe and garlic to the pan, and turn the heat up to evaporate all the moisture from the tripe. Although you dried it before cooking, it will still give off a good deal of water. Once the tripe begins to dry, add the tomatoes, the pieces of pig's trotter and about ½pt/280ml of their cooking juice. Cover and simmer gently for 30 to 40 minutes adding more liquid if necessary. When the tripe is cooked, remove it and the pig's trotter to a serving dish. Boil up the liquid to reduce it to the consistency you like. Add salt and pepper to taste, and serve sprinkled with parsley and lemon zest. This is very good with boiled potatoes.

Prunes have no gelatine in them, of course; their stickiness comes from the concentrated fruit sugar they contain.

Baked sticky prunes
(Makes 18)

- 18 large prunes
- 1 pot hot fragrant tea, such as Earl Grey or jasmine
- 3oz/85g ground almonds
- 2oz/60g sifted icing sugar
- 2oz/60g melted butter
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 9 walnut halves or blanched almonds

Steep the prunes overnight in the tea. Remove and dry the prunes, and take out the stones. Make an almond paste by mixing together the almonds, sugar, most of the butter and the lemon juice. Add a little hot water to bind it if necessary. Cut each walnut in half. Break the almond paste into 18 pieces, and mould each one around a piece of walnut or an almond. Stuff each prune with this filling. Use the rest of the butter to grease an oven proof dish or baking tray, and cover the prunes with a butter wrapper. Bake in a hot oven, 200ºC/400ºF, gas mark 6, for 10 minutes. Serve hot with chilled yoghurt or cream. You can sprinkle the prunes with port or syrup before baking.

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New leaves for the salad days

Marks & Spencer was once nominated for the Grand Prix of Gastronomy awarded by the then British Academy of Gastronomes (now the British Gastronomic Academy). My argument against it was that far from being gastronomy's patron saint, St Michael was quite likely to prove its ruination.

I am reminded of this because I have just been taking a look at M & S in the context of the "rabbit food" revolution. It is difficult to believe that anyone could sell 200 grams of greenery for £1.49, yet people pay this to M & S without demur.

By doing practically everything for its customers, even washing their salad leaves, M & S does not turn them into gastronomes. It just makes them lazy. M & S is not cheap, and the test the company applies when deciding to continue with a line is a simple and businesslike one: if the product sells it stays. If not it's out.

That is not the philosophy of a company devoted to gastronomy. It is the philosophy of a company devoted to profit.

There is no denying that M & S ready-washed salad leaf mixes are very good, and their popularity is such, I am told, that their year-round availability is as assured as that of the BLT sandwich.

I compared two portions of M & S salad bowl refill with some from other supermarkets. The £1.49 bag from M & S was excellent: a combination of escarole, *frisée* and radicchio, good enough for any dinner party. The contents would have provided *nouvelle cuisine* proportion side salads for four. Any more and one of the bits of radicchio leaf would have had to be torn in two, or someone would have gone without. Another M & S mix, of *frisée*, oak leaf lettuce and *salade de mache*, was also fresh and unmarked, if pricey at £1.39 for five ounces. Other mixes including lettuce, with curly endive and raddichio, or *frisée* and *roquette* were 99p for quarter of a pound.

It used to be said that the test of a good salad was that the oil in the dressing was the most expensive ingredient. It would have to be costly oil to beat M & S pricing on the leaves.

By contrast with M & S standards, though, Sainsbury's mixed salad of iceberg lettuce, with Lollo Rosso, Chinese leaf and *frisée*, could only have been served to guests by candlelight and then with trepidation. The Chinese leaf was in thick and coarse chunks, the *frisée* and lettuce leaves were damaged and browning badly where bruised, and the Lollo Rosso was irretrievably limp. In another 95p Sainsbury's bag, which inexplicably contained both raddichio and red cabbage, the shreds of the latter had turned an unhealthy heliotrope. I guess this was the effect of washing in water so chlorinated that it bleached.

I don't imagine that M & S would include anything as common as red cabbage in its selections.

Sainsbury's pieces of radicchio moreover had been cut, not separated, and were still as tightly bound together as they had been in the whole head. Though the bag claimed "washed and ready for use" a fastidious housewife would not regard those leaves as properly washed at all.

Leaving food preparation to strangers carries health risks. It also costs money. I estimate from the weight and price of heads of Chinese leaf, *feuille de chêne*, Lollo Rosso, *frisée*, Little Gem, radicchio, escarole, iceberg and round lettuces on sale in Sainsbury's that the cost of salad is increased approximately seven to 10-fold by buying it in ready-to-use mixes. Of course you have the bother of washing it, and anyone buying several heads of different varieties might have more salad than they want at the end of it.

The M & S mixes contain only three varieties, but none of the salad vegetables could be bought whole. Sainsbury's may not be very good at composing salad mixes, or presenting them in good condition — but they do give their customers a choice, and at my branch a wide one.

Robin Young

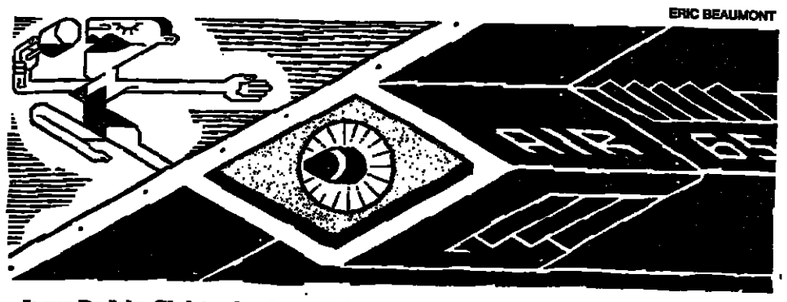


ALLAN WELLER

Tossed by hand at home: the perfect bowl of green salad

DRINK

Perfect marriage of hi-tech and showbiz



ERIC BEAUMONT

Leeuwin Estate, in the Margaret River region of Western Australia, is a curious combination of tourist glitz, hi-tech winery, and immaculately kept vineyards. Tourists no doubt love the carbuncle-like Leeuwin drawbridge tower, apparently modelled on a Greek monastery bell cupola, and the Union Jack that greets them at the entrance. Thankfully on my last two visits wine talk has quite rightly taken precedence over showbiz.

If Leeuwin's showy garden entrance is off-putting for serious students of the grape, none of us can complain about what goes on behind, housed in a series of standard green insulated Australian sheds. Through an unmarked door next to the visitors' tasting room lies an Aladdin's cave of wine weaponry: row after row of frosty, temperature-controlled stainless steel vats, two giant Willmes tank presses, a pristine white laboratory bristling with the latest, priciest wine evaluation devices, and endless piles of £400-a-piece oak barrels from French coopers. The technology is awesome. Leeuwin is not exaggerating when it claims that no expense has been spared in kitting out the cellar and the estate.

It would be easy to dismiss Leeuwin as a rich man's plaything, but for two things: Leeuwin makes some of the finest wines in Australia, and has done since it launched its first commercial vintage in 1979. "The pursuit of excellence", Leeuwin's philosophy, may sound like one of those trite sentiments dreamt up by the marketing men, but given the dedication which the owner, 49-year-old Perth businessman Denis Horgan, has applied to his aim, wine commentators can only applaud the results.

It was Dr John Gladstone's enthusiastic viticultural report in 1965 that first pointed to the red gravelly loam soil of the Margaret River region as a prime sight for dry table wine production. Vasse Felix was the first to take the plunge, in 1967, and other small wineries soon followed.

Leeuwin, named after the Dutch ship Leeuwin ("lioness") that discovered this part of Western Australia in 1622, was different from the outset. Horgan was determined that his winery should outshine the others and outclass everyone else in Australia. So for the first six years he operated in partnership with the Robert Mondavi Winery of California's Napa Valley, using all its ultra hi-tech resources, and receiving an annual visit from either Bob Mondavi or his son, Tim. It was just the kind of quality kick-start that Leeuwin needed in the mostly virgin wine territory of the Margaret River.

But by 1980 it was clear that Leeuwin's talented viticulturist, John Brocksop, and winemaker, Bob Cartwright, had gleaned all they needed from the Mondavi team and their "squeaky clean" Californian technique. Now, as Cartwright explains, they have moved on and "gone traditional. We are classicists really. What we have got to do is to retain the best possible fruit character, interfere as little as possible, and not be in a hurry."

Cartwright acknowledges Brocksop's vital role: "There is not a lot you can do to change the basic flavour of a wine, but you can at least make a good, well-made product."

Brocksop's highly-regarded viticultural techniques at Leeuwin include hand picking, training the vine to allow just the right proportion of sun and heat to reach the grapes, planting windbreaks to protect the vines, and avoiding the use of insecticides and fungicides. Birds have always been a pest to Margaret River's grape growers, but Leeuwin has cleverly planted alternative crops; sunflowers for the parrots, and trees such as marri and karri gums, with their appealing flowers, for the "silver-eyes".

Leeuwin takes its viticultural needs as seriously as it does its cellar requirements. Last year a thousand trees were planted on this 1,885-hectare estate, of which 91 hectares are under vine. Roughly a third of the vineyard is planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, a third to Rhine Riesling, and almost as much to Chardonnay, leaving the Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Gewurztraminer and Malbec grapes to make up the rest. Leeuwin's low yield (the vines are not irrigated) and ability to hold back vintages until they are ready for drinking are also obviously part of Denis Horgan's great quality wine quest.

He has worked hard to promote the Margaret River region, creating an excellent restaurant at Leeuwin, and staging annual concerts in the splendid grass amphitheatre, featuring the London Philharmonic and Berlin State Orchestras, followed more recently by Ray Charles and Dionne Warwick.

My latest Leeuwin tasting, held last month at the winery, was the most impressive yet with a splendid run of Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Noir vintages. The finest Chardonnay vintage in the line-up was the delicious, buttery-herbaceous '85, truly one of the country's greatest Chardonnays, with a light, elegant, cinammon-scented and pineappley '86 a close second. The current Chardonnay vintage on sale here is the 1984, and although I was less keen on its sherbet-buttery scent and austere, steely palate, it is none the less a fine Australian Chardonnay (Ostlers, 63a Clerkenwell Road, London EC1 £12.95, Harrods £14.35). On to the Sauvignons, whose verdant, aperitif style is appealing and well constructed, as the delightful, fresh, zesty 1986 Sauvignon demonstrates (Ostlers £10.90, La Vigneronne, 105 Old Brompton Road, London SW7, £10.95).

Leeuwin has also had considerable success with the Pinot Noir grape, and has succeeded in ringing some seductive, classic, burgundian flavours from it. This estate makes a superb Cabernet in addition, and the '84 vintage (Ostlers £9.99, La Vigneronne £10.25), with its very fine cassis and tobacco-like bouquet backed up by a restrained, grassy-blackcurrant palate proves that Denis Horgan's "pursuit of excellence" has not been in vain.

Jane MacQuitty

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THE WEEK AHEAD

THEATRE

LONDON

THE ASSIGNMENT: Premiere production of a piece about two sisters, a model and a photographer. With Linda Davidson, Shenagh Govan, Gina Landor.
Old Red Lion, St John Street, EC1 (01-837 7816). Opens Tues.

MY HEART'S A SUITCASE: Frances Barber, Lesley Sharp and Fred Pearson in a rehearsed reading of a Clare Mcintyre play, directed by Max Stafford-Clark.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 2554). Wed and Thurs.

LES PARENTS TERRIBLES: Rare production of a Jean Cocteau play, directed by Derek Goldby. With Elizabeth Shepherd, Caroline Blakiston, Roland Curram.
Orange Tree, Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey (01-940 3633). Preview Thurs. Opens Fri.

ROMEO AND JULIET: London Shakespeare Group's only British performances, prior to a tour of the Middle East.
Warehouse, 62 Dingwall Road, Croydon (01-680 4060). Preview Tues. Opens Wed.

SIBLINGS: British premiere of Klaus Mann play, partially based on Cocteau's *Les Enfants Terribles*. Peter Eyre directs a cast including Suzanna Hamilton, Simon Cutter and Kitty Aldridge.
Lyric Studio, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Previews from Thurs. Opens Feb 8.

SPIKE: New play by Roy McMillan and Donald Brown, about the life of Spike Milligan (so far).
Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, SW11 (01-223 2223). Opens Wed.

UTOPIA: Claire Macdonald's theatre piece, created with Pete Brooks, uses "sound as structure" in a ritualistic drama. Performed by Richard Hawley and Jan Pearson.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388). Previews from Tues. Opens Fri.

VICIOUS ROOMERS: Latest show by the Vicious Boys. Broad, loud, direct, occasionally subversive.
Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford, Middx (01-568 1176). Opens Wed.

IMPRO SOLO: Eight late night solo shows by John Sessions, improvising with props and audience suggestions arising from them.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, WC2 (01-240 8230). From Fri: Fri and Sat, until Mar 4.

OUT OF TOWN

BIRMINGHAM: Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?: Sylvia Syms, James Bolam, Beatie Edney and Jerome Flynn, directed by John Adams in the Edward Albee classic.
Repertory (021 236 4455). Previews from Thurs. Opens Feb 7.

COVENTRY: The Way of the World: Cambridge Theatre company begins a national tour with the Congreve comedy, directed by Bill Pryde.
University of Warwick Arts Centre (0203 523523). Opens Tues.

EDINBURGH: Stations/The Eagle/Rent: Triple bill by Oxygen House company, of plays originally presented at lunchtime at the Netherbow Arts Centre.
Traverse (031 226 2633). Opens Tues.

LEICESTER: Stepping Out: Tim Flavin's début as director, with the Richard Harris comedy, starring Josephine Blake and Joan Savage.
Haymarket (0533 539797). Previews from Thurs. Opens Feb 7.

LIVERPOOL: Of Mice and Men: Eamon Boland and Ian Burfield, directed by Julian Webber in John Steinbeck's classic tale of two misfits.
Playhouse (051 709 8363). Preview Wed. Opens Thurs.

TAUNTON: Cleopatra and Antony: Actors Touring Company begin a London-bound national tour of a condensed and adapted version of *Antony and Cleopatra*. Directed by Malcolm Edwards.
The Brewhouse (0823 283244). Opens Thurs.

WINCHESTER: True West: Shared Experience begin a London-bound tour of the Sam Shepard play, directed by Nancy Meckler. With Kerry Shale, Yvonne D'Alpra, Vincenzo Ricotta and Kenneth Hadley.
Theatre Royal (0962 84334). Opens Wed.

TELEVISION

HANNAY: Robert Powell returns as John Buchan's Edwardian adventurer, caught up in a tale of love and blackmail. With Anthony Valentine and Joanna David.
ITV, Tues, 9-10pm.

A DAY IN SUMMER: J.L. Carr's novel of a disturbing day in the life of a country town in the mid-Fifties, dramatized by Alan Plater and starring Peter Egan, Jack Shepherd and John Sessions.
ITV, Wed, 8-10pm.

THE NIGHTWATCH: Leslie (Dirty Den) Grantham stars in Ray Brennan's thriller about a group of international mercenaries spending a tense weekend in Amsterdam.
BBC2, Wed, 9.25-10.25pm.

COVER UP: BEHIND THE IRAN CONTRA AFFAIR: Skeletons galore from the Reagan-Bush years, including an allegation that the release of the Iran hostages was deliberately held up to defeat Jimmy Carter.
Channel 4, Thurs, 10.25-11.50pm.

FILMS



DIE HARD (18): One of America's box-office smashes last year, featuring *Moonlighting* star Bruce Willis (above) as a New York detective caught on Christmas Eve in a terrorist attack on a high-rise office tower. With Alan Rickman, Bonnie Bedelia; directed by John McTiernan.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011), Odeon West End (01-930 5252), from Fri.

Reflection of youth

The thirtieth anniversary of the death of Buddy Holly is marked on BBC2 tomorrow by *Words of Love*, a drama by Philip Norman which is strongly laced with autobiography. Indeed the piece is as much about the young Norman, hidden behind the fictional alias of Ivor Seaford-Warwick, as it is a portrait of Holly; and the nostalgia has a hard and unsentimental edge. The destinies of the two characters, star and fan, are intercut during a period of 24 hours in February 1959. For Philip/Ivor, growing up on the Norfolk coast, Buddy Holly worship is the escape from an unhappy childhood marked by bullying at school and the separation of his parents. Meanwhile in Iowa, Buddy and the boys check in at a diner on the way to what will tragically be their final gig, the strain of whistle-stop touring compounded by personal and professional worries. The English end of the story is set against the winter landscapes of Cromer, while the Art Deco Hoover factory is cunningly used to evoke Fifties America. Fellow-Texan Pancho Russell dons the Buddy specs, and 16-year-old Charlie Creed-Miles provides a portrait of the writer as a young fan. *Words of Love* is on BBC2 tomorrow, 10.15-11.20pm.
Peter Waymark



Hero worship: Texan Pancho Russell dons the Buddy Holly specs

FILMS ON TV

MELO (1986): First television showing for Alain Resnais's polished version of a much-filmed boulevard play about two musicians and a tragic love affair.
Channel 4, Thurs, 11.50pm-1.50am.

THE TALL TARGET (1951): Detective Dick Powell foiling a plot to assassinate Abraham Lincoln in Anthony Mann's taut thriller set mainly on a train.
Channel 4, Fri, 3-4.30pm.

VICTOR/VICTORIA (1982): Boisterous Blake Edwards comedy with Julie Andrews as a singer trying to revive her career as a female impersonator in 1930s Paris.
BBC1, Fri, 10.20pm-12.30am.

RADIO

LAND OF THE GOD KING: John Keay presents the first of two documentaries about the troubled history of Tibet during the 20th century.
Radio 4, Wed, 11-11.47am.

ANALYSIS: A new series is launched with a discussion on the future of Britain's defence policy, now that Cold War tensions seem to have eased.
Radio 4, 8-8.45pm.

TO KEEP THE MEMORY GREEN: A portrait of the Edgar Wallace Society, which was formed by his daughter (who is interviewed in the programme) putting an entry in a telephone book.
Radio 4, Fri, 4.05-4.30pm.

CONCERTS

CONTINUING RELUCTANCE: There's still no stopping "The Reluctant Revolutionary" series and as a further contribution Simon Rattle conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, London Symphony Chorus and numerous soloists in Schoenberg's *Gurrelieder*, with another performance tomorrow.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Today 7pm.

FORBES, FOOL: Holy Fools Vespers, a celebration with clowns, is conducted by the Rev Patrick Forbes, described as "Anglican priest, writer, broadcaster and fool".
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham St, London EC2 (01-373 5566). Tomorrow, 7pm.

BERLIOZ/RAVEL: As part of the second half of "Images de France", Stanislaw Skrowaczewski conducts the LSO in Berlioz's *Symphonie fantastique*, Ravel's *Une barque sur l'océan* and, with Arleen Auger (soprano), *Shéhérazade*.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

REDCLIFFE 25TH: Celebrating 25 years of the Redcliffe Concerts series, Jacek Kasprzyk conducts the LPO in Elgar's Introduction and Allegro, *Falstaff*, and Francis Routh's *Poème Fantastique* with Jeffrey Jacob (piano).
Festival Hall, Tues, 7.30pm.

WITOLD LUTOSLAWSKI: As the first concert in a series marking Lutoslawski's 75th birthday, the composer conducts The Philharmonia in his own *Livre* and *Chain III*. Earlier, Esa-Pekka Salonen conducts Stravinsky's *Chant du rossignol* and, with Peter Frankl and Tamas Vasary, Bartók's Concerto for Two Pianos.
Festival Hall, Thurs, 7.30pm.

ARLEEN AUGER: This celebrated soprano sings Schubert, Wolf and Schoenberg's *Lieder* Op 2. The pianist is Irwin Gage.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141). Thurs, 7.30pm.

JAZZ

EDDIE DANIELS: The American clarinettist's last album, *Memos From Paradise*, explored the music of Roger Kellaway.
The Farmers' Club, Cambridge (0223 62086) tonight; Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (01-439 0747) Mon to Sat.

ABDULLAH IBRAHIM: Back again, the South African pianist plays a series of solo recitals.
Shaw Theatre, London NW1 (01-388 1394) Mon; St George's Brandon Hill, Bristol (0272 230359) Tues; Sallis Benney Theatre, Brighton (0273 04141/608020) Wed; Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham (021 236 3889) Thurs; Manchester Cathedral Fri; Trades Club, Leeds (0532 742486) Sat; Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (01-439 0747) Sun, Feb 5.

COUNT BASIE ORCHESTRA: Kansas City standards under the direction of Frank Foster.
The Guildhall, Portsmouth (0705 824355) Tues; Decorum Pavilion, Hemel Hempstead (0442 64451) Wed; The Hexagon, Reading (0734 591591) Thurs; Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone (0303 53193) Fri; The Dome, Brighton (0273 674357) Sat, Feb 4.

JOHN SURMAN/JACK DEJOHNETTE: Continuing their Contemporary Music Network tour.
Trades Club, Leeds (0532 742486) tonight; Old Vic, Bristol (0272 250250) tomorrow; The Hawth, Crawley (0293 553636) Mon; The Octagon, Sheffield (0742 724076) Tues; Warwick University Arts Centre (0203 417417) Wed; Albert Hall, Nottingham (0602 419419) Fri; Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham (021 236 3889) Sat, Feb 4.

ROCK

RUNRIG: Rumbling Celtic rock, not a million miles removed these days from the sound of Big Country.
Dominion, London W1 (01-580 9562), Thurs.

POP WILL EAT ITSELF: Start of a tour by the Stourbridge louts, now with major label backing from RCA.
Roadmender Centre, Northampton (0604 21408), Fri.

DANCE

NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: A two-week London season of their *Don Quixote* has Christopher Gable in the title role.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916). Tues to February 11.

NICOLE MOSSOUX: A Belgian dancer, in collaboration with theatre director Patrick Bonte, brings her latest work, *Les Petites Morts*, to London.
ICA Theatre, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647). Mon to Thurs.

ROYAL BALLET: *Romeo and Juliet* on Mon, Wed and Thurs.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

LONDON CITY BALLET: *Swan Lake* at Derby Playhouse today (0332 363275) and New Theatre, Cardiff (0222 394844) Mon-Thurs, then a new production of *Graduation Ball* there Fri and Feb 4.

GALLERIES

THE PRESENCE OF PAINTING: Aspects of British abstract painting since 1957, featuring Ayres, Hoyland, Scully, Green, Walker and other influential exponents of the genre.
Hatton Gallery, Newcastle (091-232 8511). From today.

LEGER'S CIRCUS: A suite of lithographs by the French painter and socialist conveying his enthusiasm for the Big Top.
Gwent Museum and Art Gallery, Newport (0633 840064). From today.

ART 89: A gathering of contemporary art dealers with the emphasis on promoting work by younger artists.
Business Design Centre, London N1 (01-359 3535). From Thurs.

JOAN MIRO (1893-1983): Paintings and drawings from Spanish surrealist's early — and some say his best — period, 1929-41.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, London E1 (01-377 0107). From Fri.

THE EXPERIENCE OF LANDSCAPE: Seventy paintings, drawings and photographs selected from the Arts Council's collection showing the variety of British landscape and approaches to it.
Maclaurin Art Gallery, Alloway, Ayr (0292 45447). From today.

BIG PAINTINGS: Large works by gallery artists Peter Howson, Amanda Faulkner, John Keane and others.
Flowers East, London E8 (01-985 3333). From Wed.

EDITH GRANGER-TAYLOR (1887-1958): A reappraisal of paintings by a forgotten ex-pupil of the Slade School's legendary Professor Henry Tonks.
Gillian Jason Gallery, London NW1 (01-267 4835). From Wed.

LANCE SMITH: New paintings in the currently fashionable romantic, semi-abstract landscape vein.
Fabian Cerisson Gallery, London (01-409 1906). From Wed.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: *Madama Butterfly* all alone this week: performances tonight, Tues and Fri at 7.30pm of Nuria Espert's perceptive production, now with Yoko Watanabe and Mario Malagnini.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Aribert Reimann's *Lear*, in its British premiere run, is conducted by Paul Daniel on Tues and Thurs. Philip Prowse's highly successful and handsomely designed production of *The Pearl Fishers* returns on Fri, strongly cast with Cathryn Pope, Alan Opie and Arthur Davies. Three last performances of *La Boheme* tonight, Wed and Sat Feb 4. All performances start at 7.30pm.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2. (01-836 3161).

SCOTTISH OPERA: Their new *Rheingold* has its second night on Sat Feb 4, directed by Richard Jones, conducted by John Mauceri, and with Willard White as Wotan. A single performance tonight of *La Boheme* in Elijah Moshinsky's seductive production. Both performances start at 7.15pm.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041-331 1234).

PHOTOGRAPHY

DRUM: Black South Africa 30 years ago gave birth to the magazine *Drum*, which reflected black issues before the advent of the Pass Laws and the creation of the townships.
View Point Gallery, The Old Fire Station, Salford (061 737 1040).

WRESTLING AND WORK: Two shows, one by Peter Bryne, who looks at wrestling contests and their audiences, the other by Brian Griffin, which charts the progress of the development of London's Broadgate, where the workers in Griffin's eyes assume the nobility of kings.
Impressions Gallery, 17 Colliergate, York (0904 654724).

FIRST YEAR AT SCHOOL: The first year at school for 18 five-year-olds, followed by Marketa Luskacova, whose exhibition, Pilgrims, five years ago at the Victoria & Albert Museum won wide acclaim.
Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 (01-981 1711).

Theatre: Tony Patrick; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Photography:** Mike Young; **Television, Radio and Films on TV:** Peter Waymark.

COUNTRYSIDE

Greens out, locals in

Colin Dunne meets the leader of a conservation revolt in Hampshire

Ellen McCutcheon's first protest banner comprised two bean sticks from the garden and a pillowcase bearing her message for the world, or perhaps more realistically, for the local council: "Keep Edward Thomas Country free of ecologists, naturalists, tree-fellers, snailmen, and Mr Bonsey."

She had registered Britain's first anti-environment protest. At a time when Green is the fashionable colour — and sometimes with the most surprising people — it has to be significant that the first backlash is already with us. In the Ashford Hangers in Hampshire, they have had enough.

These are the beautiful wooded hills north of Petersfield, known locally as Little Switzerland, where the poet Edward Thomas used to walk for inspiration at the beginning of the century. These days you're more likely to meet a botanist than a poet, which is what drove McCutcheon, who is the landlady of a country pub and not naturally of a revolutionary disposition, into the demo game.

She was giving expression to a powerful sentiment among the local people. Quite simply, they are sick of experts. The Hangers, 400 acres of chalk scarp, are home to all manner of rarities, from the cheese snail to the stinking hellebore, the white letter hairstreak butterfly to the sword leaf helleborine. Increasingly, it is also home to swarms of experts, closely followed by council officials with plans to conserve, organize and — as one man put it — nannify.

You can see the point. There is a suspicion that if the county council had got to the Lake District before Wordsworth they would probably have banned all that unauthorized nodding and dancing by the daffodils. "If they want steps and handrails," said one man, "why don't they walk up the stairs at home?"

For the locals it looks as though their beloved hills are being turned into a municipal park. Indeed, the unfortunate Mr Bonsey qualified for the banner because McCutcheon believes he had a hand in a country park elsewhere in the county.

They created enough of a rumpus for Hampshire County Council to send four of their top men — supervisors and managers in such exotic disciplines as recreation and conservation — up to the village of Steep to face them. The village hall, about 100 yards from the house where the poet lived, was overflowing, and that on a cold winter's night. Since Petersfield is also commuter country, it was an extraordinary mix of City men fresh from their evening trains and local Hampshire yeomen, together with the experts.



Inspired: Edward Thomas

For over two hours the officials showed their slides and visual aids and explained, with some patience, their policy. David Dixon, assistant county recreation officer in charge of countryside projects — a title which in itself is enough to make the flowers wilt — insisted that the Hangers had to be managed properly. He defended their action in erecting steps and stiles by saying people had to be channelled correctly. He reassured the meeting that they had no intention of turning it into a park.

But this is a conflict which involves emotions rather than argument. Even one of the council officials was moved to fling official detachment to the wind and say: "Look, I'm not just a faceless bureaucrat from Winchester — I love the Hangers too."

The moment of dramatic truth came when the insect man stood up and spoke about two rare hoverflies which can be found there. Thomas himself would have been surprised by the passion which he brought to his subject, but as he finished a local farmer turned and said: "There's not just hoverflies up there — there's us as well." The council officers might have won most of the minds, but it was that short speech which moved the hearts.

McCutcheon was not overimpressed by this exercise in public relations. "Nice lantern slides, for anyone who doesn't know what a primrose looks like," she said afterwards, a little sniffily. As landlady of the Harrow Inn at Steep, she has kept the delightful old pub much as it was when her parents had it over 50 years ago. There are no beer pumps, no music, no microwave. She draws pints from the barrel, the only sounds are those of the human voice harmonizing with the clack of dominoes, and homemade soup simmers aromatically on the stove. With its huge log fires, low beams and panelled walls, it is exactly the sort of pub that brewery designers have destroyed, and are now desperately seeking to recreate.

Like the Harrow, the Hangers are part of her personal history. So too is the poet. Although he died in the First World War in 1917, Edward Thomas used to lodge with her Uncle Tom and Auntie Florrie, until he moved to the house next door. He is very much a part of the countryside and his work contains many references to the area.

When first I came here I had hope,
Hope for I knew not what.
Fast beat
My heart at sight of the tall slope
Of grass and yews, as if my feet
Only by scaling its steps of chalk
Would see something no other hill
Ever disclosed. And now I walk
Down it the last time.

He wrote of a skyline which showed "sixty miles of South Downs at one glance", and perhaps it is no surprise that the people who live there can more easily understand his poems than they can the jargon, which speaks of management access tracks and recreational resources.

McCutcheon has no doubt about it. "All these people, snailmen and orchid men and whatever, they all want to change the Hangers to suit themselves. But I think all these insects and flowers have survived because they've been left alone all these years. That's what they should do now . . . leave it alone."

Surprisingly perhaps, Dixon does understand the resentment that experts can cause. "The conservation lobby, of which we are part, assumes it has a God-given right and doesn't accept that it is a public servant with a duty to explain," he says.

It's a delicate problem. Landscape works its way into the human soul. Edward Thomas knew that, of course, but it's an idea which cannot be easily accommodated on a council agenda.

So McCutcheon is hanging on to her banner in case she has to go into action again. Either way, it's a nice thought that when others march for money and politics, here is one countrywoman who was prepared to take up a banner for beauty and poetry.

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WEATHER EYE

Why old sayings are usually right

Can we hope to get through this winter without any truly cold weather? Records show anything is possible. There are examples of unbroken mild winters being followed by the excruciatingly cold Februaries of 1947, 1956 and 1986.

The interesting question is whether we can gain any advance warning of the February weather. The intriguing fact is that folklore abounds with saws about the significance of the early February weather, in particular Candlemas Day (February 2), which celebrates the feast of the purification of the Virgin Mary. For instance:

If Candlemas Day be gay and bright,
Winter will have another flight.
But if Candlemas Day brings clouds and rain,
Winter has gone and won't come again.

This even has parallels in European folklore and has crossed the Atlantic to become enshrined in Groundhog Day. This tradition claims that if the groundhog — the American marmot — emerges from his burrow to see his shadow he will go back into hibernation for another six weeks. If he sees no shadow he knows winter is over.

Climatology suggests these ancient rules are not pure whimsy. In southern England and north-west Europe there is considerable evidence that easterly winds and clear skies in early February, associated with high pressure over Scandanavia, are a clear sign of continuing cold dry weather for the rest of the month.

A similar rule applies if there is a mild winterly airstream over the British Isles. So if the mild weather we have enjoyed from the beginning of December continues into early February, there is a fair chance that it will persist throughout the month.

More generally, these observations reflect the fact that towards the end of the winter the atmospheric circulation in the northern hemisphere settles down into a stable pattern. If a certain weather type becomes established over the north Atlantic and Europe in late January, it is likely to last for several weeks.

So there may be good reason to watch the weather closely next Thursday. It could just be that Candlemas Day holds the key to the rest of the winter.

W.J. Burroughs

Alone on the Way

WEEKEND WALK

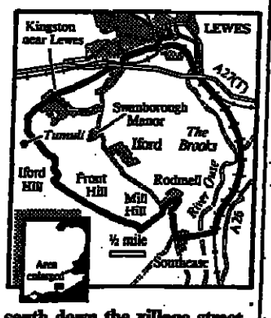
The long-distance paths are often more enjoyable in winter, particularly the more popular ones, because for long stretches you have them more or less to yourself. Walking the more remote stretches of the South Downs Way, in East Sussex, warmed by the exertion of a climb out of a valley and feeling alone on the roof of the world, is exhilarating.

This walk combines a splendidly bleak stretch of the South Downs with comfortable villages in the east lee. The walk is circular if you take the train from Lewes to Southease in the Ouse Valley.

From Southease station the South Downs Way you take the flat bed of the river valley. Turn west to cross the river into Southease village with its Norman church enriched by 13th-century wall paintings and distinguished by its unusually, for Sussex, round bell-tower.

Join the A275, leaving the South Downs Way to cross the field to Rodmell and another good Norman church. Walk south down the village street, across the main road into Mill Lane, and back on to the Way. Turn right at the end into a narrow path and follow the waymarked route into the hills, where for two or three miles you often have no view except the plateau either side. Eventually on your right you see below you the large village of Kingston Near Lewes with its grid of modern streets.

Past a tumulus leave the Way to drop along Kingston Ridge through the modern north "suburbs" of Kingston itself and continue east along the footpath-road into Lewes.



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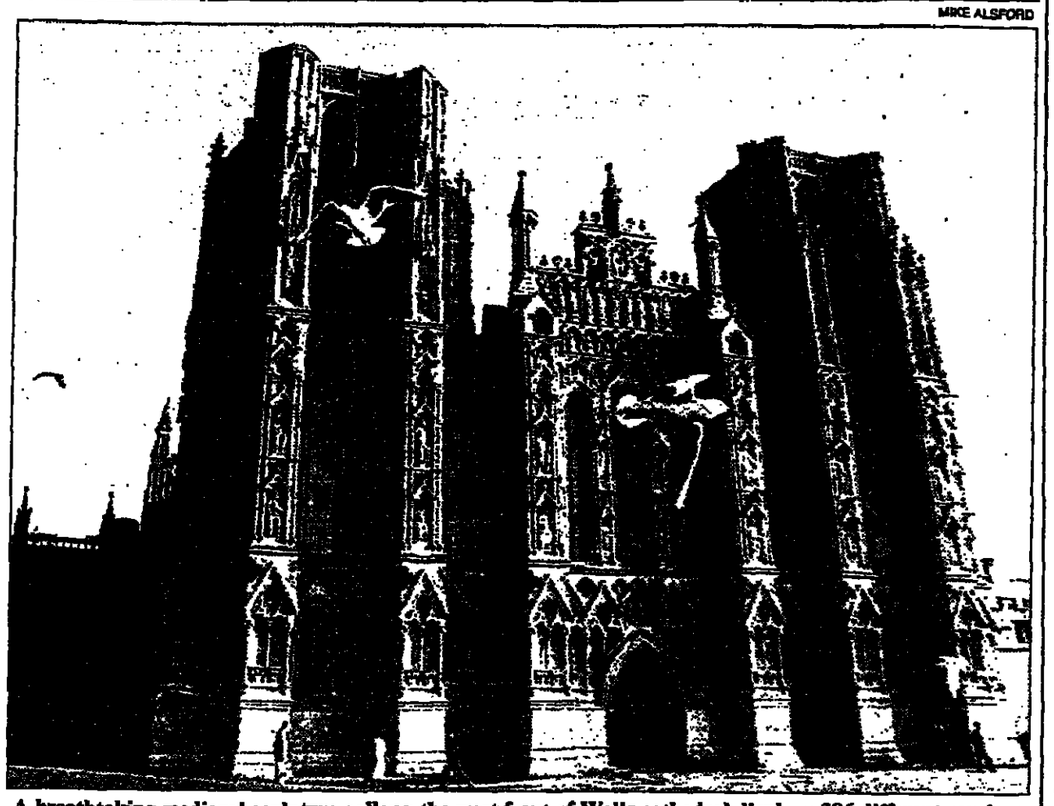
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OUT & ABOUT

Story of the fruit stealers

Nigel Andrew approaches the west front of Wells cathedral and watches a stony-faced crowd

MIKE ALSFORD



A breathtaking medieval sculpture gallery: the west front of Wells cathedral displays 386 different carvings

There is a suspicious gap in the row of buildings opposite the Swan Hotel in Wells. It means you can sit in the hotel lounge and enjoy an unimpeded view of the west front of Wells cathedral. Afternoon tea taken here, with the log fire crackling and that view across the cathedral green, strikes me as rather better value than caviare to the sound of trumpets.

The funny thing about the west front of Wells cathedral is that, until you get quite close, it looks exactly like the postcards. Most great buildings are to some extent compromised by the intrusions of real life. But Wells seems to be surrounded by some kind of force-field as it sits, untouchably perfect, fronted by immaculate treeless grass.

Closer to, the staggering display of medieval sculpture extends across the whole west front and round the sides of the flanking towers: here are some of the best preserved statues, sheltered from the winds of "Kill-Canon Corner". The new figure of Christ in majesty, by David Wynne, is seated high above those serried rows of apostles, angels, martyrs, virgins, saints, confessors and prophets.

You can buy a booklet which details every sculptural element of the west front, numbering them all and marking them on a diagram. They total 386, which suggests that anything less than a fortnight camped on the cathedral green, with binoculars and sketchpad, is barely scratching the surface. Even Ruskin never took it that far.

The cathedral is not as large as the west front would lead you to believe. Like one of those oversize Georgian facades stuck on to an older, smaller town house, the west end of Wells exaggerates the scale of what lies behind. But its relative smallness only increases the charm of its interior: it means, for example, that the exquisitely carved capitals are low enough to be seen properly. You can follow the story of the fruit stealers (go round anti-clockwise) and sympathize with the grimacing figure on the "toothache capital".

This is a great interior, beautiful but not overawing, from the freshness of emergent English Gothic in the nave to the delicate sophistication of the Lady Chapel. The hideous pendent lights west of the crossing are a pity, and there are some regrettable banners about the place, but little else to spoil the magic.

Among some fine tombs, I particularly liked Bishop Harewell's, with two punning hares at his feet and his effigy entirely covered with centuries of graffiti. The most impressive is on the far side in deeply cut block letters: "Robert Hole Cherister". I trust he was soundly flogged.

The huge strainer or "scissors" arches — one massive arch standing on its head on another upright one — still look novel and bizarre, and create an extraordinary range of vistas about the crossing.

The equally famous medieval clock, with its busy automata, still draws a little crowd every time it strikes — but at this time of year the crowds are thin in Wells. It is a place for strolling and pottering, an afternoon tea place.

The strolling has to take in Vicar's Close, that astonishing survival of a 14th-century street, two rows of little stone houses with improbably tall chimneys. As I walked its cobbled length, there was nothing to be heard but someone playing scales on a flute and no sign of life but one fat and friendly cat.

Cathedral School pupils, choristers and various forms of clerical life were everywhere, clearly outnumbering the tourists. But the balance was perhaps the other way around the Bishop's Palace. This formidable range of buildings, surrounded by a moat and castle-like walls, is a potent reminder of the days when bishops were a power in the land. Now the state rooms can be hired for "functions" and the bishop only uses part of his palace.

There were a few swans in the moat, among the decorative waterfowl introduced by the present bishop, and I did not catch any of them performing their well-known trick of pulling on a bell-rope to get food. The Market Square is fine, dominated by two medieval gatehouses and a classical town hall. There is water everywhere, gushing from the grotto-style "fountain" and running down the High Street gutters — someone ought to be bottling it.

There are plenty of pubs and at closing time on Saturday night I expected some of the action which is getting these country towns into the papers. But there was not a lager lout in sight. I expect they were all at home taking a late afternoon tea.

OUTINGS

CRAFT IN ACTION '89: A variety of craft items for sale plus demonstrations. Deer Park open. Light refreshments and a licensed restaurant. Dunham Massey Hall, Altringham, Cheshire. Today, tomorrow, 10am-4.30pm. Free.

COLLECTING SNAPSHOTS: Children and families are invited to take old and new snapshots to the museum to discuss them with some of the curators who are working on the Kodak Museum, which will open later this year. National Museum of Photography, Film and Television, Prince's View, Bradford, West Yorkshire (0274 727488). Today 2-4.30pm. Free.

BOATYARD OPEN DAY: An opportunity for families considering a canal holiday this year to look over traditionally decorated narrow boats, hear about canal life and the various routes that can be taken. Holidays may also be booked on site. Tea and cakes first on the boats. Bridgewater Boats, Castle Wharf, Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire (0442 863615). Tomorrow 10am-4pm. Free.

BRIGHTON RECORDS FAIR: Wide range of records — vintage and modern for sale. Brighton Centre, Brighton, East Sussex. Tomorrow 11am-5pm. Admission before 12.30pm £1, after 12.30pm 50p.

NOSE-MISSING: Part of the Mime and Clowns season, a delightful show with two great mime artists — Habbe and Melk — who, like Cyrano de Bergerac, are both endowed with enormous noses. Studio Theatre, Midland Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham (box office 021 440 4221). Today 8pm. Tickets adult £4, child/student £2.50.

ANTIQUE AND COLLECTORS FAIR: Many stands selling a wide range of antiques and collectable items. Cheltenham Racecourse, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Tomorrow 10am-4pm.

Judy Froshaug

CHESS

Speed and sacrifice

Jon Speelman, our first world championship semi-finalist, has a style which is deep, complex and paradoxical. At times, he seems loath to take any kind of risk, while in other games he is transformed into a berserk attacker, prepared to hurl himself into any adventure.

The game which follows (from a speed chess challenge) will repay close study, especially for admirers of Speelman's fascinating and unusual methods of defeating strong opponents.

The opening, a quiet Catalan, leads to a situation where White's advantage is virtually invisible. Speelman, however, maintains his plus by means of some cunning manoeuvres. Around move 30 Speelman transforms his positional edge into a direct attack, which obliges his talented 14-year-old opponent to jettison material. Although time pressure, hardly surprising in a speed chess game, meant that Speelman then missed the most decisive method of execution, persistent pressure in the end game finally netted him the full point.

White: Jon Speelman; Black: Matthew Sadler; Catalan Opening, James Capel Speed Chess Challenge; January 1989

1 d4	d5	2 Nf3	e6
3 g3	Bd6	4 Bg2	Nf6
5 0-0	0-0	6 c4	c6
7 b3	Qe7	8 Bb2	Nbd7
9 Nbd2	b6	10 Qc2	Bb7
11 e4	dxe4	12 Nxe4	Nxe4
13 Qxe4			

If Black now seeks to liberate his position with 13...Nf6 14 Qc2 c5 then 15 dxc5 Bxc5 16 Ng5 threatens the deadly Bxf6 and thus gains material, for example 16...g6 17 Bxb7 Qxb7 18 Bxf6, when Black can resign with a clear conscience.

13 ...	Ba3	14 Bc3	Bb4
15 Bxb4	Qxb4	16 Rfd1	Rfe8

The immediate 16...Rfd8 would have saved a vital tempo for future defence of the "d" file.

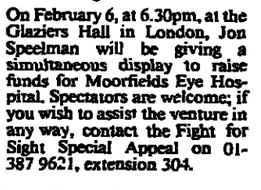
17 Ne5	Nxe5	18 dxe5	Rad8
19 Qh4	Qf8	20 Be4	h6
21 Kg2	a5	22 Bf3	a4
23 Rac1	axb3	24 axb3	Qe8
25 b4	Rd7	26 Rxd7	Qxd7
27 Rd1	Qc7	28 Qe4	Re7
29 c5	bxc5	30 bxc5	Ra5

Speelman has expertly established a distinct strategic advantage. This is based on White's domination of the open "d" file and the inability of the Black Bishop to free itself from the protection of the pawn on c6. Speelman's next move offers a powerful pawn sacrifice which Sadler can hardly decline.

31 Rd6 Rxc5 32 Qd4 Rd5

An obligatory sacrifice of his Rook for White's Bishop if, instead, Black seeks to cling to his extra material with 32...Ra5 then 33 Rd8+ Kh7 34 Be4+ g6 35 Rd7 is at once decisive.

33 Bxd5 exd5



Speelman could now have decided matters in his favour by playing the consistent 34 Rb6 to be followed by Qb4, when the Black Bishop remains incarcerated. White's next move is a hasty decision which permits his young opponent to prolong the struggle, by escaping into an endgame.

34 Qb6 d4+

This check was the resource that Speelman had overlooked. At a stroke the Black Bishop escapes into the open, thus considerably complicating White's task of winning the game.

35 Kh3	Qxb6	36 Rxb6	Bf3
37 Rd8	Bd5	38 Rb8	Bf3
39 Rb4	d3	40 Rd4	Be2
41 g4	g5	42 Kg3	Kg7
43 f4	Kg6	44 f5+	axf5
45 Rd8+	Kg7	46 gxf5	h5
47 h4	Bg4	48 Rxd3	Bxd5
49 Rd8	gxh4+	50 Kxh4	Bg4
51 Kg5	Be2	52 Rd7	Kf8

Suffering from time shortage, Sadler commits the final error. He could have continued his resistance with either 52...Bc4 or 52...Bg4. The text, fatally, gives vital ground and permits the White King to invade.

53 Kf6 Bc4 54 Rd8 Mate

Raymond Keene

On February 6, at 6.30pm, at the Glaziers Hall in London, Jon Speelman will be giving a simultaneous display to raise funds for Moorfields Eye Hospital. Spectators are welcome; if you wish to assist the venture in any way, contact the Fight for Sight Special Appeal on 01-387 9621, extension 304.

BRIDGE

Trials and teamwork under scrutiny

The first stage of the British Bridge League selection trials was held over the New Year at the Young Chelsea Club. Initially six teams took part, but after 160 boards the field was reduced to the leading four teams who then played a further double round robin of 32 board matches. The results were as follows:

First: Mrs S. Horton, S.J. Lodge, G. Calderwood, D. Shek — 178 VPs
Second: D.G.W. Price, D.A.L. Burn, R.J. Butland, J. Reardon — 175 VPs
Third: J.D.R. Collings, D. Edwin, R.M. Sheehan, I.N. Rose — 164 VPs
Fourth: R.Smolski, A.P. Sowter, P. Crouch, J. Hobson — 160 VPs

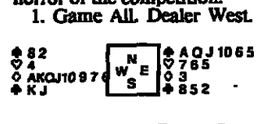
A fine performance by both leading teams. I believe I am right in saying that if Sally Horton goes on to earn selection she will be only the second woman in history to represent Great Britain in the Open Series.

Inevitably the relatively poor display of the Collings team, with its three seasoned internationals, is disappointing. But last week I hinted that Rose and Sheehan, good friends as they are, suffer from a difference of approach and a clash of temperament that subtracts from their technical superiority.

It was also apparent that some of the older players suffered from fatigue. Not entirely surprising, as the schedule required the contestants to play 356 hands with hardly any break. Even so, it was astonishing to see one of the finest dummy players in the country failing to recognize that, with 10 top tricks, KQ of a suit in one hand opposite Jxx in the other was all he needed to ensure his contract of six no trumps.

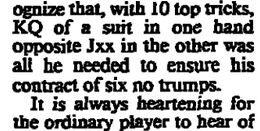
It is always heartening for the ordinary player to hear of the experts' less glorious moments. Preserving a strict veil of anonymity, here are some candidates for the bidding horror of the competition.

1. Game All. Dealer West.



W	N	E	S
2◇	No	2♠	No
3◇	No	3♠	No
4♣	No	No	Dble
5◇	Dble	5♠	Dble
No	No	No	—

2. East-West Game. Dealer South.



W	N	E	S
—	—	—	3◇
No	No	Dble	No
3♠	No	4◇	Dble
No	No	4♠	No
5◇	No	5♠	No
No	No	—	—

3. Love All. Dealer West

W	N	E	S
2♠	3◇	3♠	4◇
4♠	No	No	No

Who would you blame for these undignified escapades? Here are my ideas.

1. South's double makes it clear that East-West have run into a nasty break. As East's spades could have been weaker, I have considerable sympathy with West's five diamonds; none for East's five spades.

2. A hazardous five spades instead of an excellent six clubs. This time I believe East to be the culprit. When he bid four diamonds it was not entirely clear whether he was confirming spades as trumps. When South foolishly doubled four diamonds, West shrewdly passed. Now if East had bid four hearts, showing hearts, clubs and spade tolerance, West could have bid six clubs.

3. A smaller swing, but a hideous bid by West, at international level. West has said his piece when he opened two spades. If West were encouraged or allowed to bid in this sort of competitive sequence, East would be placed in an impossible position. Because every time he pushes the opposition overboard, West "hangs" him for his pains.

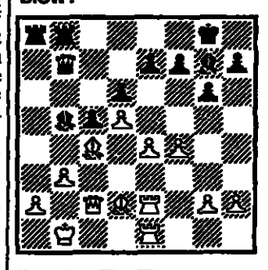
The selectors have announced that they will select the British team to play in the European Championship in Finland after a 128-board match between:

A. Forrester	Mrs S. Horton
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Jeremy Flint

WINNING MOVE

In the diagram, Black, to play, wins. What is Black's decisive blow?



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The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a wallet-sized personal chess computer. The winners names together with the winning move will be printed in *The Times* next Saturday.

Solution to yesterday's position: White wins with 1 Rxf6

Last Saturday's competition was taken from the game Harding-James, London League 1983. Black wins with 1...Rxg2

The winners are: Mrs R. Jones, Mold, Clwyd; R. Elwell, New Addington, Croydon, Surrey; J.W. Reed, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon, Wiltshire.

GARDENING

Time to review the potting shed

Unable to find old-fashioned hand-lights, Francesca Greenoak looks at newer garden equipment

Nostalgia in gardening or elsewhere seems to me a particularly fruitless indulgence, but this should not be confused with an enthusiasm for objects from the past which are genuinely practical. Old-fashioned hand-lights and bell jars, garden accessories which fall into this category, now seem to be unobtainable.

Hand-lights can be seen in a number of old gardens; once they have been cleaned up, they are enormously useful. In case you haven't seen them, they consist of four small, cast iron frames, each furnished with four small panes of glass which neatly clip together to make a square housing which can be placed over tender plants. A separate pyramidal hood, also glazed, fits over the top, keeping the plants inside snug during severe weather, and in milder times can be turned or removed to allow ventilation.

What, you may ask, is wrong with the modern counterpart — the house-of-cards glass cloches, the tunnels of corrugated plastic, the poly-frames stretched over metal frames? Well, in my experience they are not particularly durable, and secondly they are irredeemably ugly. The old-fashioned hand-glasses make an elegant feature out of the necessity of protecting slightly tender plants. They need repainting and dry storage, but keeping a well-crafted item in trim is almost a pleasure.

This is the time of year to review one's potting shed against an equipment catalogue and to make note of particularly useful or serviceable items for the coming season. A spade and fork in stainless steel, so useful for heavy clay soils which stick greasily to tools, are good value but usually too expensive for casual buying. W.H. Smith's Do It All stores are selling a stainless steel spade and fork at £29.99 each, with wooden shafts and plastic handles.



With the pruning season coming up for roses and fruit trees, a good edge on secateurs makes the job easier and prevents tearing stems and branches, which increases the likelihood of disease. The trouble is that it requires a fair degree of skill with a stone to get a good edge at the correct angle. Similarly, if you are cleaning up edges and dead rough grass around trees with shears, you find that they blunt very quickly. I've been trying a secateur sharpener (Pruna Mate, made by Attracta, which costs about £3.69) which enables you to get a lovely edge on any kind of secateur blades, including anvil and the long, curved Felco kinds.

The seed-sowing season is coming on and more and more of us are using propagators to germinate the more difficult seeds which need a constant high temperature. For a small extra cost it is well worth investing in a soil thermometer specially designed for propagators, as thermostats can go haywire without you realizing. In the summer and on hot spring days, this device comes in useful in conservatories and greenhouses to make sure that the soil temperature has not risen to a point (95°F/27°C) which can actually kill the plants. The propagator/seed-tray Constant Check thermometer from Diplex costs about £4.99 and has a useful information sheet on its uses.

Diplex also makes larger soil thermometers which can be used to tell if compost heaps are heating up adequately to kill weed seeds and to see if beds and borders are warm enough (somewhere between 50-55°F/10-13°C) for sowing or planting seedlings in springtime.

If the weather is too bad to do anything out of doors, Geoff Hamilton shows step by step techniques for an organic garden, and masses of information in a new video tape *Organic Gardening — An Introduction* from BBC Enterprises (£9.99 at W.H. Smith, John Menzies and garden centres stocking Stimgro/Maxicrop products).

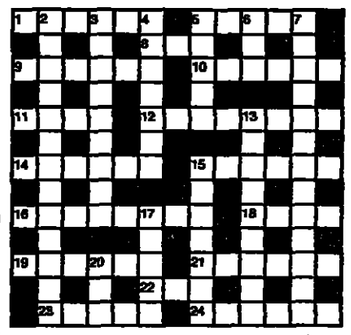
WEEKEND TIPS

- **Sow sweet peas in deep pots in the greenhouse.**
- **Start tubers of begonia, achimenes and gloxinia into growth, providing a temperature of at least 55°F/13°C.**
- **Keep bulb compost in pots moist, and keep flowering bulbs in a cool atmosphere overnight.**
- **Sow hollyhock, verbascum, lupins and delphiniums in the greenhouse now, for plants which will flower this year.**
- **Prune large-flowered hybrid clematis such as Perle d'Azur, *viticella* and Jackmanii forms, cutting the shoots of the previous season back to a pair of strong buds.**



CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1782

Prizes of the Collins Concise Dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, February 2. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, February 4.



ACROSS
1 Jewish Persian queen (6)
5 Over length of (5)
8 Consume (3)
9 Sink traps (1,5)
10 Deeply lethargic state (6)
11 Ballet spring (4)
12 Down payments (8)
14 Saddle back (6)
15 Intricate (6)
16 Racing banger (5,3)
18 Thames island (4)
19 Albania capital (6)
21 Plants book (6)
22 Business association (1,1,1)
23 Anything incomprehensible (5)
24 Soft breeze (6)

DOWN
2 Intimidating by display (5,8)
3 Medieval N. German league (9)
4 Remains (7)
5 Supreme (2,3)
6 Computer scanner (1,1,1)
7 Earth orbit synchronous (13)
13 Sedum plant (9)
15 Siberian Mongoloid people (7)
17 Concentrated cocaine (5)
20 Overwhelming respect (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 1781

ACROSS: 1 Dimple 4 Acetal 9 Bizarre 10 Renew 11 Bark 12 Abeyance 14 Apathy 15 Planet 18 Windward 20 Twee 22 Radii 23 Amorous 25 Tussle 26 Stoned

DOWN: 1 Dib 2 Mazurka 3 Lurk 5 Carryall 6 Tenon 7 Law centre 8 Derby 11 Bratwurst 13 Showgirl 16 Newborn 17 Dread 19 Nidus 21 Jolt 24 Sad

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ACROSS: 1 Spacer 5 Krill 8 Ute 9 Myriad 10 Bantam 11 Thin 12 Rubicund 14 Osteal 15 Remand 16 Imperial 18 Luce 19 Stupor 21 Priory 22 Ads 23 Chasm 24 Entree

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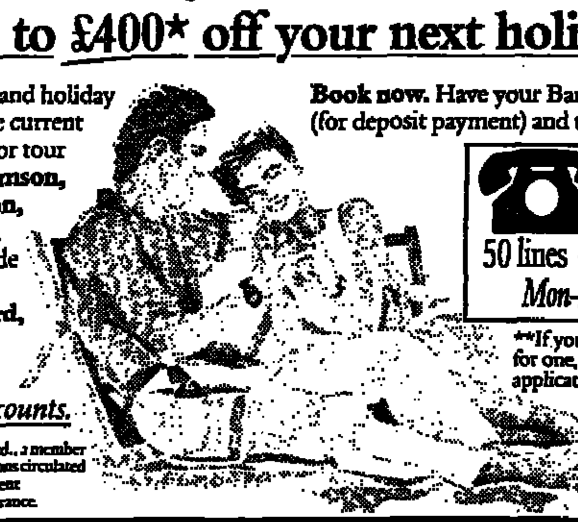
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TRAVEL

First among equals in Bologna

Emilia Romagna boasts ancient city states and the intricate beauties of Ravenna and Faenza, as **Russell Chamberlin** discovers

TIM BISHOP



Heart of the city: the Piazza Maggiore in Bologna, built with such finesse that it resembles a stage set, provided the backdrop for the 900th anniversary of the university

A tremendous rattling of kettle-drums. A mind-numbing clangour of giant bells hung from a massive steel frame, each swung by two sweating men to add to the exhilarating uproar. Sword-swallowers, fire-eaters, stilt-walkers performing a medieval play of Death and Judgement, seeming to swirl over the heads of the crowd. With immense verve, the University of Bologna celebrated its 900th anniversary last year in the Piazza Maggiore, the very heart of the great city which brought it to birth.

Intellectually, one knew that Italian cities were built like stage sets, but there can't have been many plays like this. Part of the square is draped in the great black and red banners of the city's colours. There is a security cordon round the piazza, for the President of Italy is there. And afterwards, when the piazza is returned to the people, the crowd refuses to let the drummers go, but demands encore after encore. And the drummers oblige, almost dancing with the rhythm of their self-generated thunder.

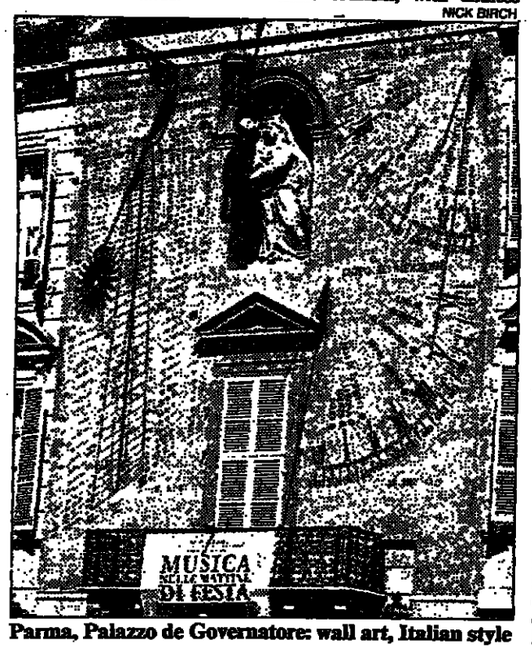
They say that Bologna's city centre is the best preserved in Italy after Venice. It can seem a little claustrophobic with the endless arcades, though elegant in themselves, crowding out the sky. The streets radiate from the two great towers, Asinelli and Garisenda, so that it is impossible to get lost — they provide a constant reference point. In a subway beneath the main artery, the via Rizzoli, are the stones of the Roman via Emilia — in exactly the same alignment as the street above.

The city's serene survival is little short of miraculous, for some of the fiercest fighting of the Second World War took place here. The Archinnasio, the first complex of the university, was badly damaged. The extraordinary 17th-century wooden Teatro Anatomico, within the Archinnasio, went up in flames. It has been completely reconstructed, an example of restoration outstanding even in Italy. Giambologna's vast Neptune Fountain, the nudity of whose figures caused such offence not so long ago, is also undergoing restoration. But next to it, as an index of the living city, is a kind of immense pavilion stuffed with books — one of the few overt indications of the city's Communist government.

The via Emilia forms the main artery, not only of Bologna, but of the entire region, Emilia Romagna, to which it gives its name; the ancient road is now paralleled by an *autostrade*. Emilia Romagna differs from other regions in that it has no obvious capital — in the way that Naples is the capital of Campagnia; Bologna is simply the first among equals. The region is booming unprecedentedly, and, to British eyes, accustomed to rigid planning zones, disconcertingly. Five or six miles outside the apparent city limits of Bologna it is impossible to say whether one is in suburb or countryside. If one views the conurbation as one vast city, then there is something delightful in the spectacle of vineyards and farmhouses: truly *rus in urbe*. But, uneasily, one wonders where the process will end under the double stimulus of tourism and industry. Seemingly miles from the centre of Ravenna, apartment blocks rise solidly among crops and fields. Villanova di Castenasa, which gave its name to a then-unknown period of Iron Age civilization when its tombs were uncovered, is today lost in a somewhat dispirited suburb that has inexplicably come into being in the heart of the countryside.

Nevertheless, the boom provides an unexpected bonus. Italy, of all countries in the world, is most threatened with cultural thrombosis, with the past clogging the present, with entire cities turned into museums. The invasion of industry has brought a leaven, particularly to a place like Ravenna. This was one of the great ports of the Roman world. When the seat of government moved to Constantinople, Ravenna formed the main bridgehead from which the Byzantine emperors sought to control their titular country. The church of San Vitale holds the most important historical mosaics of the Byzantine court, including a superb portrait of Justinian — looking remarkably thuggish — and a haughty Theodora. Then, the inexorably advancing silt moved the sea from the city's doorstep. The original Roman port disappeared in its entirety; Ravenna decayed.

In the 19th century a new harbour was constructed, but it was not until our own time, with the advent of humdrum roll-on/roll-off container freight, that the port of Ravenna returned to something like its earlier status.



NICK BIRCH

Parma, Palazzo de Governatore: wall art, Italian style

It is still Ravenna, a haunted city in its haunting landscape. Mosaic-making still forms a major industry: the tourists queue to enter the mausoleum of Galla Placida, or crush into San Vitale to stare upward at the multi-coloured, vanished world of Byzantium. But it is also a city that seems to have woken from a centuries-long sleep.

Emilia Romagna revels in contrasts. Here Fascism was born, mid-wifed by Benito Mussolini; here it began to die with the advent of the first effective Resistance movement. The beach of Rimini presents the full horrors of mass tourism, with endless bodies kippering in the sun. But the city centre is dignified, with evidence of its past as one of the power-houses of the Renaissance under the Malatesta. Ferrara shelters the tomb of Lucrezia Borgia under the gentle care of nuns who regard her, correctly, as victim, not monster.

San Marino? The Republic of San Marino is a joke, of course — but a joke that seems oddly tenacious. Behind the tourist tat a formidable mountain stronghold is still visible, and you can see why this, the very last of the free medieval city states, was able to defy the power of Austria and give Garibaldi and his doomed army shelter on their retreat from Rome in 1849.

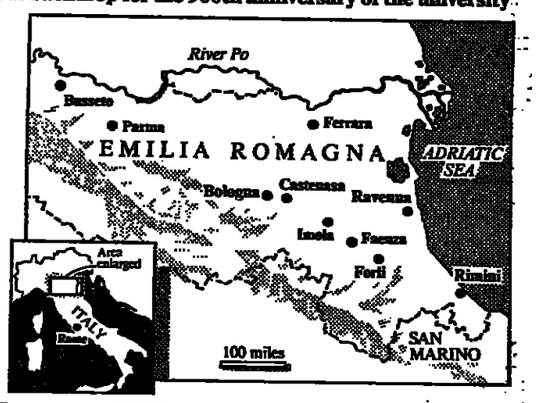
The cities of Romagna are strung along the via Emilia like pearls on a necklace. Forli, where the beautiful virago Caterina Sforza defied the Papal army; Imola, where Leonardo da Vinci briefly and improbably entered the service of Cesare Borgia. At Faenza they still make, as they have made for centuries, the ware to which the city has given a world-wide name.

At the northern end of the Emilia is Parma, a capital in its own right, and one of the reasons why Bologna remains simply *primus inter pares*. The brutal palace of the Pilotta, looking like a 19th-century warehouse, though built by the Farnese in 1583, demonstrates the power of the rulers of these city states, for it is purely an administrative building, and not a residential palace. But it contains, too, a superb library and the astonishing Farnese Theatre, built entirely of wood to simulate classical stone. The city's Royal Opera House provides the ultimate test of the singer's art, with the derisory whistles of a critical audience spelling artistic death to the less-than-talented.

And properly so, for this is Verdi country. A few miles away is Roncole (now called Roncole Verdi) where he was born, and where the humble farmhouse of his birthplace is kept as a shrine. And at Busseto is the enchanting little Giuseppe Verdi Theatre, a miniature of the Scala and tucked into a single room of the Rocca, all gilt and red plush and waiting for the thunder of the music.

TRAVEL NOTES

Alitalia flies direct to Bologna from Heathrow. The Novotel in Bologna (£80 per night) is doubtless fine for conferences, but frustrating for tourists, being some way from the centre. The superb Grand Hotel Baglioni is in the historic heart, but costs about £130 a night. The comfortable Accademia, also central, costs about £30. There is superb, heavily subsidized, city transport, but remember to buy your bus ticket at any newsagent or tobacconist before boarding.



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TRAVEL BOOKS

● **P.J. O'Rourke has been described as America's funniest writer, and I'm not going to argue. *Holidays in Hell* (Picador, £3.95) is an anti-travel book, just the thing to take on holidays. Who wants to read a sanitized account of where they are going when they can get the low-down about appalling places they will never visit? O'Rourke spends Christmas in El Salvador, goes for a weekend at a born-again Christian resort and amusement park in North Carolina ("we came to scoff but went away converted . . . to Satanism") and rambles through Lebanon ("In Lebanon you'd be crazy not to have a gun. Though, I assure you, all the crazy people have guns, too"). And if you thought the Americans liked Europe, think again: "I've had it with dopey little countries and all their pokey borders. You can't swing a cat without sending it through customs." So there.**

● **Patience Gray escaped to the Greek island of Naxos 25 years ago, in search of marble (for her companion, a sculptor) and another kind of life. They found it. *Ringdoves and Snakes* (MacMillan, £16.95) is a magical little book, written in a time warp of past and present tenses and precisely capturing the bitter-sweet flavour of island life.**

● **Any "straight" travel book seems banal after O'Rourke and Gray. Still, there is a place for books which direct travellers to the sights of a city, or, as in the case of Karen Brown's *European Country Inns* (£6.95, Harrap Columbus), to "reasonably priced places to stay, each . . . chosen for its appeal and value". More concerned with charm than cheapness, this chunky paperback covers 18 countries, devoting a page to each hostelry. There are pretty illustrations of each (by Barbara Tapp).**

● **The five books in the series of *Helm French Regional Guides* (£9.95 each) cover Auvergne and the Massif Central, the Loire Valley, Languedoc and Roussillon, the Dordogne and Lot, and Provence and the Côte d'Azur. They are ideal for those planning trips to these regions: slim, well-laid out, with plenty of colour photographs, and substantial information on opening times of attractions as well as places to stay and eat.**

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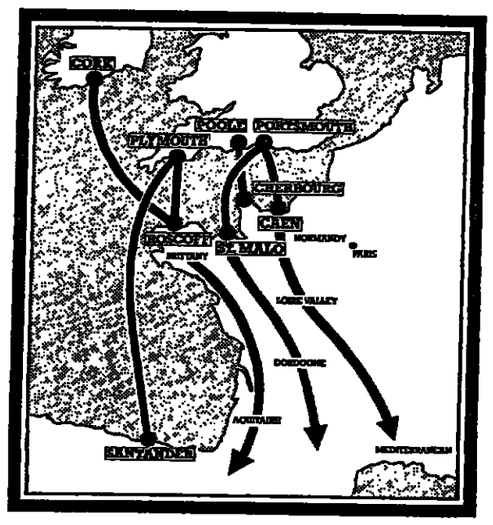
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Year's end: walking turkeys (above) in France; Australia rules the waves (below)



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PART 4

OCTOBER

AUSTRALIA
Oct 7: Henley-on-Todd Regatta, Northern Territory – boat race down the dry bed of the Todd River through Alice Springs. Competitors cuts holes in the bottoms of their canoes and run. The organizers even insure against rain.

CANADA
Oct 6-14: Oktoberfest, Kitchener – largest Bavarian festival in North America with German bands, parades and beer gardens.

CAYMAN ISLANDS
Oct 21-27: Cayman Islands Pirates Week Festival – the islands celebrate their seafaring history with parades of lavishly costumed pirates, treasure hunts and a ball.

FRANCE
Oct 28-29: Journées Gastronomiques de Sologne, Romorantin-Lanthenay – a culinary festival where a dazzling variety of foods and wines can be tasted and bought. Local cooks create tempting recipes before the eyes of onlookers and battle for the top prize awarded by the French Presidency.

GREAT BRITAIN
Oct 2-21: Swansea Festival – one of the principal arts festivals of Wales. It includes opera, concerts, chamber music, jazz, dance, art and film.
Oct 5-15: Norfolk and Norwich French Festival – traditional music festival with contemporary themes. In 1988 it was William and Mary and the Australian bi-centenary. This year the festival celebrates the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution.

INDIA
Oct 10-20: Dussehra Festival – Dussehra celebrates the victory of Lord Rama over Ravana with a dramatic interpretation of Rama's life story. In northern India giant effigies of the defeated Ravana are burned. In Mysore a magnificent procession of bejewelled elephants and horses is accompanied by musicians blowing large horns.
Oct 29: Diwali Festival of Lights – flickering lights, fireworks, sparklers and candles illuminate the landscape in celebration of the return of Lord Rama from exile.

JAPAN
Oct 22: Jidai Matsuri or Festival of Eras, Heian Shrine, Kyoto – held to commemorate the founding of Kyoto in 794, the festival includes a procession of more than 2,000 dressed in picturesque costumes representing important moments in the city's history.

MALAYSIA
Oct: Festival of the Nine Emperor Gods – mediums from the main temples go into trance and are placed on razor-edged, spiked, sedan chairs. This heralds the return to earth of the gods. At Kau Ong Yeah temple, five miles from Kuala Lumpur, the festival culminates in a fire-walking ceremony, where mediums carrying a palanquin bearing images of the gods walk across a pit of burning coals, to the clash of cymbals and beating of drums. Afterwards their feet are bathed in goat's milk.

NEW ZEALAND
End Oct: Taranaki Rhododendron Festival – a blend of culture and horticulture to celebrate one of the most spectacular collections of rhododendrons and azaleas in the world found half-way up Mount Egmont in the centre of a beautiful wild bird sanctuary.

PHILIPPINES
Oct 16-18. Massaka Festival – hundreds of masked revellers take to the streets of Bacolod for a riotous Mardi Gras featuring greased pig-catching competitions, brass bands and mask making contests.

SINGAPORE
Oct 28: Festival of Lights – Hindu festival commemorating the triumph of light over darkness. "Little India" glows with the light from hundreds of oil lamps as its inhabitants take part in a grand procession.

TUNISIA
Oct:* Festival of Tozeur Oasis – parades of decorated floats, oasis folklore and camel races.

NOVEMBER

AUSTRIA
Nov 15: St Leopold's Festival, Klosterneuburg – a 200-year-old tradition dedicated to St Leopold who founded the town church in the 12th century. In the church stands a vast wooden barrel which can hold up to 56,000 litres of wine. Every November 15, it is filled to the brim, allowing the good people of Klosterneuberg to refresh themselves and take part in sliding over the barrel, a custom thought to hark back to ancient fertility rites.

FRANCE
Nov 18-20: Les Trois Glorieuses – France's best-known wine festival takes place in Beaune, Clos-de-Vougeot and Mersault on the Côte d'Or. It is a triumphant celebration of Burgundy's famous vineyards and includes among its attractions the Hospice de Beaune wine auction.

GREAT BRITAIN
Nov 8-25: Belfast Festival of Arts at Queen's – an international festival based in and around Queen's University which includes drama, opera, cinema and music from classical to folk.

HOLLAND
Nov 18: Arrival of St Nicholas, Amsterdam – at 10am, St Nicholas, dressed in a crimson robe and carrying a gold staff, arrives at Amsterdam Central railway station accompanied by Black Peters, his assistants. St Nicholas mounts a white horse and rides through the city while the Black Peters distribute gingerbread to the hundreds of children who line the streets to catch a glimpse of their Father Christmas.

SOVIET UNION
Nov 20-30: Byelorussian Musical Autumn Festival, Minsk – a mixture of classical and folk music, ballet and poetry at the end of the harvest celebrations.

SWITZERLAND
Nov 27: Zibelemarit Onion Festival, Bern – the upper end of the old city of Bern is transformed one day each year into a huge market filled with more than 100 tons of onions on plaited rope – an event which dates from the 15th century. The extrovert appear in disguise or as jesters to perform impromptu satirical sketches.

THAILAND
Nov 18-19: Surin Elephant Round-Up – spectacular re-enactment of a medieval elephant war parade with more than 100 elephants ridden by warriors dressed in brilliant crimsons, golds and whites.
Nov 11-13: Yi Peng Loi Krathong, Chiang Mai – under the full moon the Thais float small, lotus-shaped banana-leaf boats containing lighted candles, burning incense, flowers and small coins, in honour of the water spirits and to expiate the year's sins. Festivities also include folk dancing and spectacular firework displays.

DECEMBER

CANADA
Dec:* Arctic Christmas Festival, Spence Bay – week-long festival of indoor games, drum dancing and feasting.

FRANCE
Dec 17-18: Turkey Festival, Licques – annual parade in celebration of that seasonal bird. Participants carry a turkey in place of honour and sport turkey feathers in their hats.

JAPAN
Dec 2-3: Chichibu Yo-matsuri, Chichibu City – one of the grandest float festivals with a parade of six vast, lavish, lantern-lit floats and a fireworks display in Hitsujiyama Park.

MEXICO
Dec 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – a national festival in honour of Mexico's patron saint. There is a procession to the shrine in Mexico City with native dances in front of the basilica and non-stop music.

ST KITTS AND NEVIS
Dec 24-Jan 2: Nevis Carnival – an array of pageants, parades, dancing, music and processions.

SOVIET UNION
Dec 25-Jan 5: Russian Winter Art Festival, Moscow – music, dancing and theatre with folk, choral and dance groups.

SPAIN
Dec 31: Festival of St Sylvester, Island of Madeira – New Year's Eve is celebrated in spectacular style with a fireworks display in Funchal harbour with ships' sirens blaring and church bells pealing in the new year.

SWEDEN
Dec 13: Festival of St Lucia – 150 years ago Swedish sailors travelling to Sicily brought back with them the legend of St Lucia, Queen of the Light. Every Dec 13, young Swedish girls dress as St Lucia in long white robes and a gold crown bearing lighted candles.

SWITZERLAND
Dec 5: Klausjägen, Küssnacht – on the eve of St Nicholas Day, the shore of Lake Lucerne is illuminated by candle-light from inside 200 specially designed "bishop's mitres" worn by villagers going to greet St Nicholas.
Dec 11: Escalade Festival, Geneva – celebrates Geneva's victorious defeat over French soldiers attempting to scale the city walls in 1602.

TUNISIA
Dec:* Douz Festival, Sahara – Sahara folklore with traditional music, camel and horse races.

TURKEY
Dec 14-17: Mevlana Commemoration, Konya – the festival which includes the rites of the Whirling Dervishes.

● The correct venue for the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales in August is Llantwst, Gwynedd.

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Canadian coup

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● ***Brittany, the Best of France* is a useful new 68-page colour magazine with plenty of ideas for holidays in this increasingly popular region. It is available free of charge from the Brittany Chamber of Commerce, 69 Cannon Street, London EC4N 5AB (01-329 4082).**

Concorde calling

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Welsh wonders

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Philip Ray

SKIING DIARY

FRANCE
Chamonix Jan 29-Feb 1: Nordic World Cup ski jumping; Feb 3: Ice hockey – Toronto vs Chamonix.
Flaine Jan 28-29: National junior freestyle championships, bumps, ballet and aerials.
Megève Jan 28-Feb 4: British International Army championships.
Morzine Feb 1-3: Europa Cup, freestyle.
Tignes Feb 1: Second "Tignathlon" – teams consisting of one skier, one surfer and one monoskier compete in a derby-type race; Feb 2: Ballantines ski challenge races.

SWITZERLAND
Crans-Montana Jan 29: Fifth *Foulée Blanche* – popular XC race.
Verbier Feb 4: Super G (organized by the Swiss Ski School and Crédit Suisse).

AUSTRIA
Mayrhofen Jan 28-29: Second international sled dogs race.

ITALY
Sestriere Jan 29: Giant slalom, organized by the Torino Ski Centre.
Sauze d'Oulx Jan 29: Giant slalom, cup ski Club Libertas.

Peter Hankey

SKI REPORT

The weather has continued to be dominated by high pressure for much of the week, but the band of snow that fell in the western Alps last Sunday did improve the skiing where there was an adequate base.

The problem now is that as the crowds return to the slopes any light falls will not last long with heavy traffic. Only if there are prolonged falls, which keep most skiers indoors while the damage is repaired, will the conditions really improve.

Care will be needed on increasingly busy pistes, especially on icy and narrow tracks, which are hard-packed after the cold dry weather of recent weeks. Off-piste there is even greater need for caution as wind, sun and frost has produced a hard crust in many places. This may be disguised by light falls of new snow, but it remains difficult to maintain control.

There is some prospect of more snow over the weekend as a colder, stormier spell moves into Europe. Thereafter it looks as if midweek north-westerly winds may bring more big falls.

W.J. Burroughs

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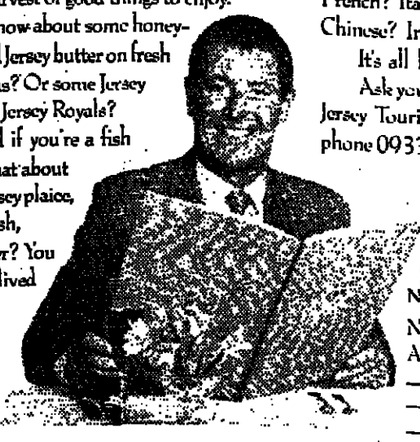
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An hour from Tokyo, a town's martial past is recalled with horse and longbow, as Peter Popham reports

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Steady, steady . . . the glory days of Kamakura are relived in festivals at which mounted archers hurtle down the lists to fire three arrows which, if they find their targets, will be applauded by shrine maidens waving ceremonial wands

Soon after one leaves the office towers of central Tokyo, an industrial deathscape begins. Europe has nothing to compare with it for scale, for density, for the remorseless obliteration of everything that does not make money.

You can't believe your eyes when it starts, but after nearly an hour it's hard to see how it can ever stop. Then, at a place called Ofuna, where the main line that carries the bullet trains whistles off westwards towards Kyoto and Osaka, our line takes a turn to the south. Simultaneously, small green hills begin appearing alongside the track, until we are cutting through a steep valley of them. There are ponds with carp and willow trees, temple gates, forests of tall paulownia trees, old houses with white-washed lath-and-plaster, and paper windows, and roofs of heavy grey ceramic tiles. We have arrived in Kamakura.

Kamakura is metropolitan Japan's sweet medieval surprise. An hour from the heart of Tokyo, it has managed to survive pretty well intact for the same reason as it was brought into being: its topography. Until the end of the 12th century it was a fishing village of complete obscurity: a cluster of huts along a curving sandy bay, cut off from the reed plains to the north by its tree-covered hills.

The bay, the hills, the location of the place hundreds of miles from the Imperial power centre in Kyoto — all these weighed with a clan leader called Yoritomo, who had just won a famous victory over his rivals in the west, and now hoped to dig himself in at the other end of the country. In 1192, Kamakura became his headquarters. In the space of a few years, Yoritomo turned the little fishing village into the strategic centre of the nation, and its political heart.

An artificial harbour was built in the sandy bay; for a time it was Japan's largest, and it was here that monks arrived from China, and built Japan's first Zen temples in among the Kamakura hills. Later the town filled up with temples, too.

Today Kamakura reeks of history quite as much as any ancient English town, even though few of the buildings go back more than about 60 years (most of the old ones burned down in the great earthquake of 1923). Yoritomo made the town into a monument of his own achievement. The main street he built shoots straight as an arrow from the seaside for two miles, through a succession of the red *tori* gates of Shinto, culminating, at the foot of the Hill of Cranes, in a massive shrine to Hachiman, the god of war.

Every traveller on Kamakura's main street becomes willy-nilly a pilgrim on the road to the shrine. Close to the outermost *tori* gates, and still remembered in the name of a bus stop, was the point where riders had to dismount to show respect.

With the defeat of Kamakura's Shoguns in the early 14th century the town's development froze, picking up only when the railway line was pushed through. Nowadays, each spring and autumn, Kamakura's glory days are brought back to life in festivals of *Yabusame*, the noble and specialized martial art of archery on horseback. The day before the event, a dirt road that slices perpendicularly through the grounds of Hachiman's shrine is covered with soft, fresh soil and roped off. Then, on the day, visitors flock to the shrine from early in the morning to bag the best spots along the route, and quite soon the horses begin to turn up, as big as racehorses, wonderfully exotic in this country where few animals larger than a collie are ever glimpsed outside of the zoo.

Their riders are scarcely less magnificent, togged up like 12th century Samurai in gorgeously coloured pantaloons and tunics, each equipped with a longbow and a quiver of arrows. Throughout the day the shrine grounds echo to the thunder of hooves as the competitors gallop along the track and loose their arrows at a small target half-way down its length.

A town's festival is the way it declares itself, the dramatic performance by which it expresses in articulate form the identity which, for the rest of the year, sprawls shapelessly across the days and the square miles. For me, Kamakura's *Yabusame* is too artificial, too recent a revival, too obviously a crowd-puller.

Far more evocative of the town's life and continuities are the local street festivals which erupt in each quarter of the town in the heat of summer. You know they are on the way when, some weeks before, the evening air carries a faint staccato rumbling that goes on steadily for hours. In shops temporarily turned over to the purpose, the middle-aged masters of the festival are putting their children through after-school drum practice. Then, on the great day, the performance commences, with fathers and children and drums and bamboo flutes installed on a large and elaborately carved wagon which is dragged through the narrow lanes and main thoroughfares while they blow and bang for all they are worth.

And yet this is only an accessory and accompaniment to the festival's main business.

There it is, up ahead: a miniature shrine, lacquered and gilded and covered in things that jingle and shine, surmounted by a gilded phoenix, mounted on two long poles which the young labourers and shop keepers of each locality heave on to their shoulders and dance through the town's streets.

This festival, variations of which are to be found all over the country, and which goes back centuries, is the god's day out: it is fancied that he leaves the neighbourhood Shinto shrine and takes up residence in the Mikoshi, as it is called, for the duration of the festival. The young men cast off their dour western working clothes for tight cotton pants, split-toed, foot hugging shoes, head bands, and loud happi coats emblazoned with the name of the neighbourhood, and for hour after hour, sweat pouring down their faces (the Mikoshi is very heavy), they dance the god round and round, straining and chanting and weaving until they are all in a trance of stupefied happiness.

Darkness falls and the noise dies away; there remain the distant crashing of surf, and the long, deep bonnnng of a temple bell from the hills.

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TRAVEL NOTES

Japan National Tourist Organization, 167 Regent Street, London W1R 7FD (01-734 9638). Japan has so many festivals that on almost every day of the year there is one to be found somewhere in the country. Local tourist offices will supply details.



Reviving the spirits: a ritual drink for the archers after a hard day's competition at the lists



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SATURDAY

BBC1

8.15 Saturday Starts Here with Bananaman (r). **8.20** Caterpillar Trail. A day in the life of a vet (r). **8.40** Chucklevision

9.00 Going Live! with Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield. The guests include pop pianist Roachford and Anna Home, the BBC's head of children's programmes. **12.12** Weather

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.20** Football: FA Cup preview; **1.05** News; **1.10, 1.45** and **2.20** Racing from Cheltenham; **1.25** and **2.00** Snooker: the Benson and Hedges Masters; **2.35** Tennis: the Australian Open Championships; **3.45** Football half-times; **3.55** Rugby League: Hull v Castleford; **4.35** Final score

5.05 News with Moira Stuart. Weather **5.15** Regional news/sport

5.20 The Flying Doctors. A charity cricket match to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service upsets a number of Coopers Crossing's community members. (Ceefax)

6.05 Jim'll Fix It. Jimmy Savile fixes it for an eight-year old to visit Alice in Wonderland's world; and a nine-year-old to play the bagpipes with the Second Battalion Scots Guards. (Ceefax)

6.40 Bob's Full House. Bingo quiz game. (Ceefax)

7.15 'Allo 'Allo! Book in Nouvion after an aborted attempt to reach Switzerland, René is faced with another trial – to return the stolen gold to Von Klinkerhofen before he realizes it is missing. (Ceefax)

7.40 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. The guests are adagio dancers Liz/Steve; and ventriloquist Ray Alan. (Ceefax)

8.25 Bergerac. The first of a new series of eight adventures starring John Nettles as the Jersey detective. Tonight he investigates the death of a sailor and some drums washed up on the beach containing an illegal toxic pesticide. (Ceefax)

9.20 News and sport. With Martyn Lewis. Weather.

9.35 Midnight Caller. The first of a new American drama series about an ex-policeman turned radio chat show host, tonight helping his former colleagues to catch a murderous psychopath. Starring Gary Cole. (Ceefax)

10.25 Match of the Day: the Road to Wembley. Highlights from three of today's FA Cup fourth round games

11.25 International Snooker. The second semifinal of the Benson and Hedges Masters.

1.00am Weather

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **12.00** Open University: Science – Proprietary Maths: Angles **12.15** Science: Voyages of Discovery **12.40** Open Lecture: "The Management of Complex Systems" by Professor Pugh. Open University **1.30** Countdown to the OU (4)

2.10 Film: The Shoes of the Fisherman (1968) starring Anthony Quinn, Oskar Werner and Laurence Olivier. Drama about a Russian dissident bishop who is sent to the Vatican where he is unexpectedly elevated to the papacy. In this role he plays mediator in the Cold War and helps to alleviate hunger in Red China. Directed by Michael Anderson.

4.40 International Snooker. The first semifinal of the Benson and Hedges Masters introduced by David Icke from the Wembley Conference Centre.

6.20 The Triumph of the West. Part two of John Roberts's 13-programme series on the history of Western civilization (r).

7.10 NewsView. Moira Stuart with today's news and sport; Laurie Mayer reviews the week's news in pictures with subtitles

7.55 Rhythms of the World. The Robert Cray Band filmed on the final leg of their UK tour at London's Hammersmith Odeon last October

8.55 The "Slap" Maxwell Story. American comedy series starring Dabney Coleman as a demoted sports newspaperman, exceedingly unhappy with his lot as well as the office *femme fatale*. Tonight he upsets his editor by writing an article on steroids in high school basketball teams

9.20 Saturday Night Clive. Clive James's weekly look at the media world-wide. Tonight's edition includes Jackie Stallone, mother of Sylvester, who is a women's boxing promoter in the United States; and via satellite, Harold Evans, who comments on the new investigative journalism technique of following the police on a raid, armed with a video. In the studio is author Howard Jacobson.

10.10 The Film Club: Stanley Kubrick. Film director Terence Davies introduces **2001: A Space Odyssey** (1968) starring Keir Dullea and Gary Lockwood. Superior science fiction adventure in which space travel is placed in the context of man's history. The story of a man versus the machine he has created which has developed a mind of its own. Based on Arthur C. Clarke's short story *The Sentinel*. (Ceefax). Ends at **12.25am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with Saturday Sport presented by Geoff Clark; **7.30** Wideawake with Tommy Boyd, Timmy Mallett and Michaela Strachan

9.25 Motormouth. Young people's entertainment **11.30** The Partridge Family. American comedy series (r). **12.00** The Chart Show

1.00 News **1.05** LWT News and weather followed by **Saint & Greavsie.**

1.40 Sportsmasters. Sports quiz

2.10 International Athletics. The Dairy Crest Games between Great Britain and West Germany at Glasgow's Kelvin Hall. Included in the British team are Olympic medallists Linford Christie, Colin Jackson and John Regis

4.15 Mr Majeika. Children's fantasy series starring Stanley Baxter

4.45 Results Service

5.00 News **5.05** LWT News and weather

5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game

5.45 Superboy. Adventures of the young Superman.

6.15 Trick or Treat. Game show presented by Mike Smith with the Joan Collins Fan Club

6.45 You Bet! The first of a new series of challenges involving skill, action and spectacle, presented by Bruce Forsyth. The guests are Debbie Greenwood, Adrian Moorhouse and Harvey Smith.

7.45 Film: The Goonies (1985) starring Sean Astin, Josh Brolin, Corey Feldman and Jeff Cohen. Adventure yarn about a group of children in search of hidden pirate treasure who happen upon the headquarters of a counterfeiting gang. A Steven Spielberg story directed by Richard Donner.

9.50 News with Trevor McDonald **10.05** LWT Weather

10.10 Aspel & Company. Michael Aspel's guests are Sigourney Weaver, Robert Kilroy-Silk and the Joan Collins Fan Club

10.55 Spitting Image. Highlights from recent editions

11.25 The Highwayman. American adventure series about a law officer with an 18-wheel diesel truck that is capable of high speeds, flying and to make itself invisible. Starring Sam Jones

12.25am Soap. Madcap comedy about the Tate and Campbell families (r).

1.00 Night Network. Live music, videos, film reviews and a repeat interview with Phil Collins

4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Disco news and music presented by Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan.

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 You Want a Coconut? How tourism is upsetting the locals of a Sri Lankan village (with subtitles and signing). **10.00** 4 What It's Worth (r).

10.30 Film: Somewhere I'll Find You (1942, b/w) starring Clark Gable, Lana Turner and Robert Sterling. Romantic drama about two war correspondent brothers who become rivals for the lovely Paula at the outbreak of hostilities in the Pacific. Directed by Wesley Ruggles

12.30 Dance With Me. The first of a new Brazilian drama series about twin brothers who know nothing about each other's existence. Starring Tony Ramos and Raul Cortez (in Portuguese with English subtitles).

1.05 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster. The 1.15, 1.45, 2.20 and 2.50 races

3.10 Film: Hold That Ghost! (1941, b/w) starring Abbott and Costello who inherit a house that seems to be haunted from a murdered gangster. Directed by Arthur Lubin

4.45 Film: Disorder in the Court (1936, b/w) starring the Three Stooges as witnesses in a murder case. Directed by Preston Black

5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition. (r). (Oracle)

6.00 Right to Reply. C4's *Desmond's* is criticized.

6.30 Scottish Eye examines the extent to which nuclear fall-out from the Chernobyl disaster is still present in Scotland and the north of England, including the first aerial survey into radiation levels in Scotland

7.00 News summary and weather followed by **People to People: Exceptional Leave to Remain.** The story of three asylum seekers in Britain.

8.05 The Harp in the South. Episode three of the six-part drama serial about an Irish/Australian family immediately after the Second World War

9.00 Film: Mirror (1974, colour and b/w) starring Margarita Terekhova. An autobiographical film by Andrei Tarkovsky examining his relationships with his parents, children, relatives and his wife

11.00 Sounds of Surprise: Art Tatum – the Art of Jazz Piano. The story of the celebrated pianist including newly-discovered archival film of the great man in action.

12.05am Film: Our Man in Havana (1959, b/w) starring Alec Guinness. Graham Greene's story of a vacuum cleaner agent in Havana who allows himself to be recruited into the British Secret Service so that he can satisfy the expensive tastes of his daughter. Directed by Carol Reed. Ends at **2.05.**

Regional variations

BBC1 WALES: 5.15pm Box 'Em In 5.40-6.00 Wales on Saturday 9.35-10.25 Sportfolio SCOTLAND: 12.20pm-1.05 Afternoon Sportscene 3.45-3.55 Sportscene Update 4.35 Sportscene Final Score 5.15-5.20 Scottish News and Sport 10.25 Film: Westworld 11.50 Re-joins network NORTHERN IRELAND: 4.55pm-5.05 Northern Ireland Results 5.15-5.20 Inside Ulster Newstime ENGLAND: 5.15pm-5.20 London: Sport; Other regions: News and Sport

ANGLIA As London except: 11.30am-12.00 Knight Rider 5.05pm-5.15 Anglia News, Sport 11.25 Film: The Street Fighter 1.00am The Hit Man and Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network.

BORDER As London except: 11.30am Chart Show 12.30pm-1.00 America's Top 10 11.25 Film: Barbarosa (Willie Nelson) 1.00am The Hit Man and Her 2.00 Film: Twinky (Charles Bronson) 3.50 Night Network 5.50-6.00 Bryan Ferry In Profile

CENTRAL As London except: 11.30am-12.00 Star Fleet 11.25pm Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.25am Film: Hang 'Em High (Clint Eastwood) 2.30 Ski Tips 3.00 Hodson Confidential 3.30 Matlock 4.25 New Squadronaires 4.30-5.00 Books By My Bedside

CHANNEL As London except: 11.30am Chart Show 12.30-1.00pm Ski Tips 12.20am Cinemattractions 12.50 America's Top 10 1.20 Leonard Rosen Show 2.00-4.00 Night Network

GRAMPIAN As London except: 11.30am Chart Show 12.30pm-1.00 A Iomadh Dulhaich 5.10-5.15 Cromagan 11.25 Scottish Cup Special 12.10am The Fall Guy 1.00 The Hit Man and Her 2.00 Film: Twinky (Charles Bronson) 3.50 Night Network 5.50-6.00 Bryan Ferry in Profile

GRANADA As London except: 11.30am Chart Show 12.30pm-1.00 America's Top 10 11.25 Film: Barbarosa 1.00am The Hit Man and Her 2.05 Film: Twinky (Charles Bronson) 3.55 Night Network 5.50-6.00 Bryan Ferry In Profile

HTV WEST As London except: 11.30am Chart Show 12.30pm-1.00 America's Top 10 11.25 Film: Groundstar Conspiracy (George Peppard) 1.00am Throb 1.30 Married...With Children 2.00 Night Network 4.00 Cinemattractions 4.30-5.00 America's Top 10

HTV WALES As HTV West except: No variations

SCOTTISH As London except: 11.30am Chart Show 12.30pm-1.00 America's Top 10 10.10 Scottish Cup Special 10.55 Aspel & Company 11.40 Film: Deadly Harvest (Richard Boone) 1.00am The Hit Man And Her 2.00 Film: Twinky (Charles Bronson) 3.45 Night Network 5.45-6.00 Bryan Ferry in Profile

TSW As London except: 11.30am Chart Show 12.30pm-1.00 The South West Week 5.05-5.45 Newsport 11.25 Film: Barbarosa (Willie Nelson) 1.00am The Hit Man And Her 2.00 Film: Twinky (Charles Bronson) 3.50 Night Network 5.50-6.00 Bryan Ferry In Profile

TVS As London except: 11.30am Chart Show 12.30pm-1.00 Ski Tips 12.20am Cinemattractions 12.50 America's Top 10 1.20 Leonard Rosen Show 2.00-4.00 Night Network

TYNE TEES As London except: 11.30am Chart Show 12.30pm-1.00 Ski Tips 11.25 Film: Barbarosa (Willie Nelson) 1.00am The Hit Man And Her 2.00 Film: Twinky (Charles Bronson) 3.50 Night Network 5.50-6.00 Bryan Ferry In Profile

ULSTER As London except: 11.30am Chart Show 12.30pm-1.00 America's Top 10 5.10-5.15 Newstime 11.25 Film: Barbarosa (Willie Nelson) 1.00am Hit Man And Her 2.00 Film: Twinky (Charles Bronson) 3.50 Night Network 5.50-6.00 Bryan Ferry In Profile

YORKSHIRE As London except: 11.30am Chart Show 12.30pm-1.00 America's Top 10 11.25 Film: Barbarosa (Willie Nelson) 1.00am The Hit Man And Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network

S4C Starts: 9.30am Open College 10.30 Vintago. A History of Wine 11.00 4 What It's Worth 11.30 Bhagwan 12.00 Here and Now on 4 12.35pm Sumo 1.05 Racing From Doncaster 3.10 Film: The Wooden Horse' (Leo Genn) 5.05 Brookside 6.00 Right to Reply 6.30 Citizen 2000 7.00 Carreg Ateb 7.30 Newyddion 7.40 Y Maes Chwarae 8.30 Corau Mawr 9.20 True Stories 11.00 Sounds of Surprise 12.05am Film: Our Man in Havana' 2.05 Closedown

RTE 1 Starts: 9.00am The Whole Shebang 10.30 Action Station Saturday 1.00pm Wonder Woman 1.50 Faerie Tale Theatre 2.50 Film: Blondie...Goes To College' (Arthur Lake) 4.10 Film: Paris Holiday (Bob Hope) 6.00 Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Mailbag 6.35 Down Here...With a View to Above 7.05 Macgyver 8.00 I Live Here 9.00 News 9.10 The Budget 9.20 Dallas 10.20 Kenny 'Live' 11.45 Film: The Lightship 1.25am News, Closedown

NETWORK 2 Starts: 12.30pm News 12.34 Sport Stadium 6.00 Pet World 6.25 Family Ties 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Irish '89 7.30 W B Yeats – A Tribute 8.00 Film: Santa Fe (Randolph Scott) 9.35 Ten Great Writers 10.40 Tales From the Hollywood Hills 10.40 Budget Broadcast 11.40 Natalie Cole 12.10am Closedown

Radio 1

VHF stereo – in London (104.8), the Midlands (98.4), the North (98.8), South Wales, Avon and Somerset (98.7), Oxfordshire (98.2) & **MW** (medium wave)

News on the half-hour until **12.30pm**, then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00**

6.00 Liz 'n' Bruno **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00** Adrian Juste **2.00** Three at 30 (Marvin Gaye) **3.00** Saturday Sequence with Roger Scott **7.30** Robbie Vincent **10.30** The Ranking Miss P **12.00** Saturday Rock Show with Alan Freeman

Radio 2

VHF Stereo (except **1.00pm-7.00pm**) and **MW** (medium wave)

News on the hour until **1.00pm**, then at **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00**

4.00 Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **8.05** David Jacobs **9.00** Sounds of the 60s **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Gerald Harper **1.00pm** Inman and Friends **1.30** Sport on 2 with John Inverdale, incl Racing from Cheltenham **6.00** Sports Report **6.30** That's Show Business **7.00** The Press Gang (new series) **7.30** Gala Concert **9.30** String Sound **10.05** Martin Kelner **12.05am** Night Owls **1.00** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, followed by News Headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: Offenbach (Overture from Orpheus in the Underworld: Philharmonia Orchestra under Neville Marriner); Dionisio Aguado (Adagio, Op 2 No 1: Julian Bream, guitar); Handel (Concerto grosso in B flat, Op 3 No 1: Academy of St Martin in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Rossini (Overture to The Silken Ladder: National Philharmonic Orchestra under Riccardo Chailly); Sarasate, arr Vladimir Mendelssohn (Fantasy on Bizet's Carmen: Paganini Ensemble with Jean-Jacques Kantorow, violin); Brahms (Ballade in D minor, Op 10 No 1: Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich, piano); Rimsky-Korsakov (Snow Maiden Suite: Rotterdam PO and Choir under David Zinman with Roberta Alexander, soprano)

8.15 The Week On 3: A look ahead to the week's highlights on Radio 3

8.30 News

8.35 Ulster Orchestra: Led by Richard Howarth and conducted by Barry Wordsworth. John Field (Piano Concerto No 1 in E flat: with Philip Fowke, piano); Clementi (Symphony No 3 in G)

9.30 Saturday Review: Introduced by Richard Osborne. Record Review: Building a Library. Stravinsky (Symphony of Psalms); Bartok (Bluebeard's Castle). Record Release: Bartok (Violin Concerto No 2: Philharmonia under Furtwängler with Menuhin, violin)

1.00 News

1.05 Third Ear: With Gillian Reynolds

1.30 From the Festivals, 1988: City of London Festival. Fourth of five concerts given by Musica Antiqua Cologne

2.20 From the Proms, 1988: BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaka perform Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor: with Cécile Ousset, piano); Mahler (Symphony No 5 in C sharp minor) with **2.55** Interval Reading (r)

4.15 Debut: Alistair Miles, bass and Elisabeth Marcus, piano, play Keel (Three Salt Water Ballads); Schubert (Grenzen der Menschheit; Der Kampf); Strauss (Das Thal; Im Spätboot)

5.00 Jazz Record Requests: Introduced by Peter Clayton

5.45 Critics' Forum: Paul Barker talks to Peter Conrad, Christopher Cook and Marina Vaizey

6.35 Khovanshchina: by Mussorgsky, arranged by Shostakovich. A new production which opened on Saturday at the Vienna State Opera (Chorus and Orchestra of the Vienna State Opera under Claudio Abbado) incl **8.25** Talk by Claudio Abbado about his work with the Vienna Opera

10.15 Jeffrey Kahane: The pianist performs Brahms (Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Handel); Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin) (r)

11.15 From Pétain to Pompidou: Fourth of six programmes about French cabaret songs, presented by Richard Mayne. Piaf and Friends.

12.00 News **12.05** Close

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on **VHF**

5.55 Shipping Forecast

6.00 News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather

7.00 Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.55, 8.58** Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan

9.30 Breakaway: Travel and holiday news with Bernard Falk and Nigel Coombs

10.00 News; Loose Ends with Ned Sherrin and guests Carol Thatcher, Richard Jobson and Emma Freud

11.00 News: The Week In Westminster with John Carvel of The *Guardian*

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent

12.00 Money Box: Your questions on personal finance answered. Presented by Louise Botting

12.25 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: Light-hearted quiz with Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden, Tim Brooke-Taylor and Willie Rushton (s) **12.55** Weather

1.00 News

1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Westonbirt, Gloucestershire. The panel comprises school governor Jennie Bland, Baroness Seear, William Waldegrave MP and Gerald Kaufman MP **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Any Answers? An opportunity for listeners to ring Jonathan Dimbleby (on 01-580 4411) with their opinions on this week's *Any Questions?*

2.30 The Playbill: Play by Alan Bennett. With Tony Doyle and Frances Jeater (s) (r)

4.00 News; Age to Age: The happenings of today in the light of the events of yesterday. With Derek Wilson

4.30 Science Now: Peter Evans reports from annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in San Francisco

5.00 Family Footsteps: Gerald Williams talks to swimmer Sharron Davies and her coach-father Terry about both their professional and their personal relationship (r)

5.25 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's news **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 News; Sports Round-up

6.25 Citizens (s)

7.10 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (s)

7.45 Saturday-Night Theatre: If You Will Make It So by Martin Stanforth, based on the autobiography of Winifred Haward Hodgkiss. With Anne Jameson and Paul Webster (s)

9.00 Music in Mind: with Richard Baker (s)

9.50 Ten to Ten: A reading, hymn and reflection (s) **9.59** Weather

10.00 News

10.15 I Should Say So: Last of four Robb Wilton sketches by Allan Sadler

10.30 The Late Play: Companeros by Mike Walker. Four people travelling through Nicaragua meet a group of contras with frightening results (s)

12.00 News incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF as **LW** except: **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.30-6.00** Options: **4.30** The Roads to Munich **5.00** Actors' Workshop **5.30** Paso Doble

SUNDAY

BBC1

8.55 Playbus (r). **9.15** Articles of Faith. The Rev Linda Mary Evans on prayer (r). **9.30 This is the Day.** A simple religious service from a viewer's home in Chipping Norton

10.00 Man and Boy. Mike Kendall and Simon King visit the New Forest (r). **10.25 Take Nobody's Word For It.** Aerial photography with a kite (r).

10.50 Russian Language and People (r). **11.15 Deutsch direkt!** (r). **11.40 Bazaar** (r).

12.05 See Hear! Magazine series for the hearing impaired **12.30 Country File** discovers the origins of garden peat; and samples real ale in a converted Cotswold cloth mill.

1.00 News and weather followed by **On the Record.** Includes an examination of Labour's first steps towards a change in defence policy. With shadow defence minister Martin O'Neill **2.00 EastEnders.** Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax)

3.00 Match of the Day: the Road to Wembley. Live coverage of the FA Cup fourth round tie between Millwall and Liverpool at the Den.

4.55 Cartoon. *Spring Time Serenade* (r). **5.05 The Clothes Show** includes Selina Scott reporting from the Mansion House, where the Princess Royal presents the clothing industry's awards for exports.

5.30 Antiques Roadshow introduced by Hugh Scully in Bristol. (Ceefax) **6.15 Snap!** The second in the seven part photography advice series. (Ceefax)

6.25 News and weather

6.40 Songs of Praise from Trinity Presbyterian Church, Bangor, Co Down. (Ceefax)

7.15 Only Fools and Horses. Rodney wins a week's holiday for three in a five star hotel in Mallorca and takes Cassandra – and Del. (Ceefax)

8.05 Mastermind. The specialist subjects are: Manchester since 1750; Errol Flynn; Nepal from 1768; and the P & O Shipping Line

8.35 Campion. In this second and final part of the mystery *Look to the Lady*, amateur sleuth Campion discovers the identity of the person hired to steal the Chalice. (Ceefax)

9.30 That's Life! Consumer affairs series presented by Esther Rantzen

10.15 News with Michael Buerk. Weather

10.30 Everyman: What is a Jew? A profile of New York's Lubavitch Hassidim, an Orthodox Jewish sect.

11.20 International Snooker. The closing frames in the final of the Benson and Hedges Masters.

12.20am approximately Weather

BBC2

9.15 Now On Two begins with Ovide **9.30** Popeye. Three cartoons (r). **10.00** Blue Peter Omnibus (r). **10.50** Boss Cat. Cartoon (r).

11.15 Boxpops. More memorable television milestones **12.00** Reportage (r).

12.50 International Tennis. The men's singles final of the Australian Open Championships.

2.00 International Snooker. Frames one-to-seven of the Benson and Hedges Masters final.

2.20 The Week in the Lords

3.00 Film: I Own a Racecourse (1985) starring Gully Coote. A lighthearted yarn about a gullible Australian teenager who believes he has bought a racecourse for $20. Directed by Stephen Ramsey

4.15 Music From China. Musicians from the Central Conservatory in Beijing play new, as well as traditional, works for Chinese instruments. With Tan Long-jian (sanxian); Wang Guo-tong (erhu); Li Xiang-ting (guqin); Wu Man (pipa); Chen Tao (dizi); and the New Music Group of Scotland conducted by Shao En.

4.55 Rugby Special. Chris Rea introduces highlights of Rugby v Harlequins and Pontypridd v Llanelli.

5.45 Ski Sunday from Vail and Beaver Creek

6.05 International Snooker.

6.35 The Money Programme. Paul Burden reports on the probable effects of the forthcoming health service White Paper.

7.15 Madhur Jaffrey's Far Eastern Cookery. Thai cuisine. (Ceefax)

7.45 The Laurence Olivier Awards 1988 introduced by Sue Lawley and Anthony Hopkins from the Dominion Theatre, London, in the presence of the Princess of Wales. Awards for the year's best play, best comedy, best musical, best actor and actress, and best newcomer.

9.20 International Snooker. The closing session of the final of the Benson and Hedges Masters

9.45 Three-Minute Culture. Marketing politics is discussed by Michael Ignatieff and Peter Mandelson, Labour Party campaigns and communications director

10.15 Film: Words of Love (1988) starring Pancho Russell. A made-for-television story of how the death of Buddy Holly affected the lives of a generation – especially a teenaged Norfolk schoolboy. Written by Philip Norman and directed by Colin Nutley. (Ceefax) (see page 38)

11.20 Snub (r). Ends at **11.55.**

NB: programme times after the Laurence Olivier Awards are approximate.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am **8.00** TV-am Reports

9.25 Motormouth on Sunday includes an item on futuristic fashions.

10.45 Link examines what the papers say about disability.

11.00 Morning Worship from Leckpatrick Parish Church, Strabane

12.00 Encounter with Andrew Svenmsen who, at the age of 11, was diagnosed as having a cancerous brain tumor.

12.30 The Weekend Live includes, at **12.45**, Police 5 **12.50** LWT News and weather

1.00 News **1.10 Eyewitness** with a report on arguably the bravest man in the world who, as top of the Mafia "hit list", faces death daily. **2.00 Coronation Street** (r).

3.00 Film: Battle of Midway (1976) starring Charlton Heston and Henry Fonda. Second World War drama about the events surrounding the Japanese assault on the Pacific island of Midway. Directed by Jack Smight

5.30 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game

6.00 Benson. American comedy series

6.30 News **6.35** LWT News and weather

6.40 Appeal by Professor Laurie Taylor on behalf of the Rainer Foundation

6.45 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe on the Isle of Skye

7.15 Catchphrase. Game show.

7.45 Wish Me Luck. Second World War drama about Allied women agents in occupied France. (Oracle)

8.45 Agatha Christie's Poirot. The Belgian sleuth, dining in his favourite London restaurant, sees something that leads him on a trail of murder and an ill-gotten inheritance. (Oracle)

9.45 News with Trevor McDonald **9.55** LWT Weather

10.00 The New Statesman. This week the ruthless MP Alan B'Stard sues *The Times*.

10.30 The South Bank Show. Michael Tilson Thomas and the New World Symphony rehearse for their second musical season

11.30 Soap. Zany comedy (r). **12.00 The Chart Show** (r).

1.00am The Other Side of Midnight includes an item on the films of the Russian director Andrei Tarkovsky

1.30 Pick of the Week. The best from the regions

2.00 P. O. V. with a documentary about a bouncer's life **3.00 Easy Street.** Comedy series

3.30 Major Indoor Soccer League. San Diego v Tacoma **4.30 Ski Tips**

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Here and Now on 4. Asian arts series. This week's edition includes a profile of and an interview with Bombay film star Shatrughan Sinha

10.00 The World This Week. Includes an interview with the former Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit.

11.00 Pob's Programme with Roy Castle (r). **11.30 Worzel Gummidge Down Under.** The first of a new series made in New Zealand. **12.00 The Waltons. 1.00 Lost in Space.** Episode 17

2.00 Film: Kaagaz Ke Phool (1959, b/w) starring Guru Dutt. Drama about a successful film maker with an unhappy personal life. Directed by Guru Dutt

4.40 Movie Museum (b/w). Clips from Carole Lombard's 1920s comedy films before she became a star; and *Conquest of the North Pole*, a trick photography film made by Méliès in 1908

4.45 News summary and weather

5.00 The Business Programme examines how British firms are cashing in on the Green revolution; and why the UK leisure industry is prepared to sink half a billion pounds into theme parks

5.30 International Volleyball. This first of four programmes of highlights from the third annual women's tournament at the Rivermead Centre, Reading, features Poland v Czechoslovakia and Peru v China

6.30 Fair Play. The second of 13 programmes about women in sport

6.45 The Cosby Show. Domestic comedy series

7.15 Fragile Earth: Guests and Strangers. A documentary examining what it is like in Cyprus to be host to hordes of tourists. (Oracle)

8.15 The Big Company. The first of a three-part series examining American companies successful at home as well as in Great Britain.

9.15 The Media Show. Can the law succeed where the Press Council has failed?

10.15 Film: The Grapes of Wrath (1940, b/w) starring Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell and John Carradine. Oscar-winning drama based on John Steinbeck's novel about a group of farmers forced to leave drought-stricken Oklahoma to find work in California. Directed by John Ford

12.40am Film: The Black Cannon Incident (1985) starring Liu Zifeng. A Chinese-made satirical comedy about a German-speaking engineer who comes under unfounded suspicion of being involved in industrial sabotage. Directed by Huang Jianxin. Ends at **2.35.**

Regional variations

BBC1 WALES: 12.20am-12.25 News and weather SCOTLAND: 3.00pm Film: The Girl Most Likely 4.35-5.05 Tiger on the Tiles 10.30 The Furniture Maker 10.45-11.20 The Quests NORTHERN IRELAND: 12.30pm-1.00 Tomorrow's Farm 5.05-5.30 Video Picture Show

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming Diary 2.00 Highway to Heaven 3.00 Film: Starflight One 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Ski Tips 1.30 Film: Fanny by Gaslight 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 In the Wake of Captain Cook.

BORDER As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Landmark 3.00 Battlestar Galactica – The Movie 5.05 Scotsport 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: The Big Trees 3.40 Hit Man and Her 4.40-5.00 Jobfinder.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Here and Now 2.00 Highway to Heaven 3.00 Battlestar Galactica – The Movie 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Chart Show 1.25 When Dinosaurs Ruled the Earth 3.15 Pick of the Week 3.45 Other Side of Midnight 4.15-5.00 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.35pm-1.00 Les Français Chez-Vous 2.00-3.00 The Bill 11.30 Mystery Theatre 12.00 Chart Show 1.00am Music Box 2.00 Sledge Hammer! 2.30 Other Side of Midnight 3.00 In the Wake of Captain Cook 4.00 Coast to Coast People 4.30-5.00 Island Life.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm This is Your Right 12.50-1.00 Aap Kaa Hak 2.00 Fall Guy 3.00 Film: North to Alaska 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: The Big Trees 3.40 Hit Man and Her 4.40-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 West Country Farming 2.00 Highway to Heaven 3.00 Film: Hannibal Brooks 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Chart Show 1.25am Film: David and David 3.05 Other Side of Midnight 3.35 Hit Man and Her 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: No Variations.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming News 2.00 Sunday Sport 2.30 Survival 3.00 Battlestar Galactica 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.30 Space 12.30 Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: The Big Trees 3.40 Hit Man and Her 4.40-5.00 Jobfinder.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Agenda 2.00-3.00 The Bill 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.30 Mystery Theatre 12.00 Chart Show 1.00am Music Box 2.00 Sledge Hammer! 2.30 Other Side of Midnight 3.00 In the Wake of Captain Cook 4.00 Coast to Coast People 4.30-5.00 Island Life.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Jack Thompson Down Under 2.00 Who's The Boss? 2.30 Bullseye 3.00 Film: Artists and Models 5.05 Landmark 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.30 Inner Space 12.00 Mary 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: The Big Trees 3.40 Hit Man and Her 4.40-5.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Going By the Book 2.00 Farming Ulster 2.30 Ski Tips 3.00 Film: Battlestar Galactica 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.30 Moviemakers 12.00 Worlds Beyond 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: The Big Trees 3.40 Hit Man and Her 4.40-5.00 Jobfinder.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming Diary 3.00 Battlestar Galactica 5.05 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 11.30 Scrumdown 12.30am Chart Show 1.30 Short Story Theatre 2.20 Love, American Style 2.30 Pick of the Week 3.00 Other Side of Midnight 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: 9.10am Sglilau 9.15 Hafoc 10.00 World This Week 11.00 Pob's Programme 11.30 Worzel Gummidge Down Under 12.00 Waltons 1.00pm People to People 2.00 Film: I Was A Male War Bride 4.00 Taming the Flood 5.00 Business Programme 5.30 Volleyball 6.30 Fair Play 6.45 A Different World 7.15 Rebecca 7.20 Newyddion 7.30 Hen Wln O Gastell Y Waun 8.00 Enoc Hughes 8.30 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol 9.00 Hel Straeon 9.30 Gwylit Erwau'r Gillach 10.20 Nid Oes Neb Wedi Gweld Duw Erioed 10.25 Film: Winslow Boy' 12.40am Film: The Black Cannon Incident' 2.35 Closedown

RTE 1 Starts: 9.55am Deutsch direkt! 10.20 Espana Viva 10.45 Computers in Control 11.15 Mass 12.00 Marketplace 12.30pm Korea: The Unknown War 1.20 Legends of the World 1.45 Bookside 2.15 Nature Watch 2.45 Sign of the Times 3.15 Film: Lady Hamilton 5.30 The Cavanaughs 6.00 Angelus 6.01 News 6.25 Tar Amach Faoin Aer 7.05 Scarecrow and Mrs King 8.00 Where in the World? 8.30 Glenroe 9.00 News 9.15 The Budget 9.25 Sunday Night at the Olympia 10.45 Questions and Answers 11.40 News. Closedown

NETWORK 2 Starts: 10.15am Kids Songs TV Show 10.40 Battlestar Galactica 11.30 Beat Box 1.30pm The Whole Shebang 2.20 The Royal Variety Performance 1988 5.30 Tune In 6.00 Marketplace 6.30 Newsweek 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Suil Thart 7.30 Film: Pals 9.25 A Perfect Spy 10.25 Soccer Special 11.25 Budget Broadcast 11.30 The Music School 12.05am Closedown.

Radio 1

VHF stereo and **MW** (medium wave)

News on the half-hour until **12.30pm**, then at **2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 8.30** and **12.00** midnight

6.00 Liz 'n' Bruno **9.30** Dave Lee Travis **12.30** Pick Of The Pops **3.00** Phillip Schofield **4.00** The Chart Quiz **4.30** Chartbusters **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** Anne Nightingale **9.00** Andy Peebles Soul Train **11.00-2.00** Scott On Sunday

Radio 2

VHF stereo (except between **5.00pm-7.00pm**) and **MW** (medium wave)

News on the hour (except **8.00pm**)

4.00 David Allen **5.00** Graham Knight **7.30** Roger Royle **9.05** Melodies For You **11.00** Desmond Carrington **1.00pm** Ray Moore Tribute **2.00** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** A Song For Everyone **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** Charlie Chester **7.00** Huddwinks **7.30** The John Lawrenson Collection **8.30** Sunday Half-Hour **9.00** Your 100 Best Tunes **10.05** Songs From The Shows **10.45** David Kay **11.00** Sounds of Jazz **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, followed by News Headlines

7.00 Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra: Conducted by Karl Munchinger. Fourth of five programmes. Vivaldi (Autumn); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 4 in G)

7.30 News

7.35 Louis Kentner: The pianist plays Liszt (Eroica); Lyapunov (Chant Epique); Schumann (Arabesque, Op 18); Mozart (Piano Concerto in A: with the English Chamber Orchestra under Thomas Beecham)

8.30 News

8.35 Your Concert Choice: Bach (Cantata No 51: Academy of St Martin in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Brahms (String Quartet No 3 in B flat: Melos Quartet of Stuttgart); Ravel (La Valse: Thorson and Thurber, two pianos); Franz Schmidt (Symphony No 1 in E: Radio Bratislava SO under L'Udovit Rajter)

10.30 Music Weekly: With Michael Oliver. The Unknown Tchaikovsky

11.15 BBC Symphony Orchestra: Conducted by David Atherton. Britten (Prelude and Fugue for 18 Strings); Gerhard (Canciones de Pedrell); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 2)

12.30 Imogen Cooper: The pianist plays Weber (Sonata in A flat, Op 39); Liszt (Sunt lachrymae rerum; Les jeux d'eau à la Villa d'Este; Bagatelle sans tonalité; Réminiscences de Lucia di Lammermoor) (r)

1.30 Third Ear: Writer Talking. Christopher Bigsby talks to Margaret Atwood

1.55 Historic Schubert: The Busch Quartet play Schubert's String Quartet in G, D 887

2.45 Boston Symphony Orchestra: Conducted by Seiji Ozawa. Webern (Five Pieces for small orchestra, Op 10); Mahler (Symphony No 9) (r)

4.15 Eugene and Carmina Sarbu (violin and piano): Beethoven (Sonata in A, Op 47 "Kreutzer"); Prokofiev (Sonata No 2 in D, Op 94a)

5.30 Celebrity Recital: Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir under Tonu Kaljuste sing works by Tormis

6.15 New Zealand Cinema: With Philip French (r)

7.00 Schoenberg's Gurrelieder: Performed by the CBSO, Richard Hickox Singers and London Symphony Chorus under Rattle incl **8.10** Interval discussion with Frank Whitford

9.30 Eduard Tubin: Sonata No 2 (Vardo Rumessen, piano)

10.05 The Dreaming of the Bones: by W B Yeats. With Denys Hawthorne and Jane Cassidy **10.30** Choral Evensong: From Exeter

11.25 An Italian Sound: Romanesca perform works by Salamone Rossi and Biagio Marini (r)

12.00 News **12.05** Close

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on **VHF**

5.55 Shipping Forecast

6.00 News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.55** Weather

7.00 News

7.15 On Your Farm **7.40** Sunday, incl **7.55** Weather **8.00** News

8.50 The Week's Good Cause: The Rt Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool, speaks on behalf of the Liverpool Personal Service Society **8.55** Weather

9.00 News

9.15 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke (r)

9.30 Morning Service from St William of York Catholic Church, Forest Hill, London

10.15 The Archers

11.15 News Stand

11.30 Pick of the Week: with Margaret Howard (s)

12.15 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's guest is Joan Armatrading (s) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping

2.00 Gardeners' Question Time from Hampstead Garden Suburb

2.30 The Hound of the Baskervilles: by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (last part) (s) (r)

3.30 A Green and Pleasant Land: Christopher Nicholson explores the relationship between English landscape and literature

4.00 Classic Features: A sound landscape of Cumbria (s)

4.47 Enquire Within with Dilly Barlow

5.00 News; Down Your Way: Bill McLaren, BBC TV rugby commentator, returns to his hometown Hawick on the Scottish borders **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 News **6.15** Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs viewers' comments on BBC programmes and policy (r)

6.30 Cat's Whiskers: Julie First and Adrian Moorhouse present Radio 4's children's programme, with this week's birthday guest Terry Jones (s)

7.00 News: Open Mind with Edward Mortimer

7.30 Fear on Four: The Dispossessed Daughter by Katherine Nicholas (s)

8.00 Bookshelf (r)

8.30 Soundings: Ted Harrison in conversation with Dr Robin Eames, Anglican Primate of All Ireland

9.00 News: The New Gods: Professor Keith Ward examines the current popularity of new religions

9.15 The Natural History Programme (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 News

10.15 Paula Revisited: Kate Fenton visits the home of Paula Hughes who was brutally attacked with an axe and left for dead in 1974 aged 10, but who has since been to college, worked and learnt to drive

11.00 In Committee: The work of Parliament's select committees

11.30 Seeds of Faith: Peter Mullen reflects on the end of Mozart's life and his unfinished Requiem (s)

12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF as **LW** except: **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.00-6.00** Options: **4.00** Steps to War **4.30** Sport in Questions **5.00** Deutsch Direkt! **5.30** France Extra!

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The teams with the most to fear

FA CUP

The vast majority of football followers will be cheering for non-League Sutton and Kettering as they attempt more giant-killing feats in the fourth round of the FA Cup today. But what of Norwich and Charlton, their first division opponents? Two men with everything to lose talk about life under a burden of expectation

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



JAMES MORGAN



In and out of the limelight: Phelan (left) is happy to leave the stage clear for Sutton in preparation for today's match while Mackenzie hopes to move a step nearer another Wembley final at Kettering's expense

Micheal Phelan, the Norwich City captain, knows his place. After months of accepting applause for the heroics of his own side, this week he has had to stand aside and put his hands together for the feats of little Sutton United. After months of biting the ankles of football's Dobermans, he suddenly finds the terrier at his own heels, and the whole nation is baying for blood.

"We've taken a back seat this week and let them have the limelight. They deserve it. What they've achieved is unbelievable," he says. "People have appreciated the way we've played this season, but against Sutton it is amateurs against professionals, and everyone will be on the side of the underdogs. We'll be the villains, I suppose."

The tribute is not just platitude. Phelan, a quiet and thoughtful Lancastrian, has a personal understanding of the giant-killer's psyche. Born and bred near Nelson, he spent his formative years at Burnley, commuting between the third and fourth divisions and learning his trade. He was in the side that went to Spurs in the Milk Cup and won 4-0. The role of giant is unfamiliar to him.

"Yes, I do have a feel for the underdog," he says. "I will always relate to sides from lower divisions because they come from the same roots as I did, and I'll never forget that."

Though Burnley's tradition as the youth centre of the game was already beginning to fade by the time Phelan made his debut straight from school in 1979, it is not entirely coincidental that Norwich's short-passing style, which has so pleased the purists, matches the Burnley side of the Seventies. Phelan, aged 26, learnt his football under the guidance of Martin Dobson and Leighton James at Turf Moor, and the principles have survived at Carrow Road: never hoof when you can pass, never tackle just for the sake of it, never defend when you can attack.

There are other similarities: Norwich give the ball away in strictly forbidden areas of the field and play far better away from home. They could also be a soft touch for a giant-killer.

As Phelan appreciates, the attitude of his side has to be right. "It's harder to get that right for this game than for another first division side," he says. "You don't want to build them up too much because they are a non-league side, but we can't afford to take them too lightly."

"Psychologically, they do have the upper hand. They've got a full day ahead of them and they'll enjoy every minute of it. If they get beaten, so what? If we win, so what? We're expected to. If we can match them for effort our ability should see us through; if not, we'll struggle."

The softly-spoken Phelan does not shine through as a born leader. He will not roar when a quiet word will do. If he has to lay down the law, he will pick his moment and his man. "I'm not outspoken. If I have something to say, I'll say it, but you have to treat each player differently. If someone's not doing something they should, I'll try to find out quietly what the matter is. It might have nothing to do with football."

Whatever the method, there is no doubting Phelan's influence on Norwich as captain and attacking midfield player. But it is an irony not lost on him that, despite Norwich's deeds this season, he is far less well famous than Tony Rains, his opposite number at Sutton. He just hopes it doesn't stay that way. Phelan has no intention of becoming famous through defeat. "I hope Sutton get everything they want from their day out", he says. "Except, of course, what they really want."

Andrew Longmore

It is almost eight years since Steve Mackenzie volleyed a spectacular equalizer for Manchester City in an FA Cup Final replay. Shortly afterwards the gloss was stripped from his evening when Tottenham emerged 3-2 victors, courtesy of an arguably more spectacular winner from Ricky Villa.

"We won a free kick just inside the Tottenham half, Tommy Hutchison fed me the ball, I connected and the next thing it was in the net," Mackenzie, then aged 19, said.

This afternoon the 27-year-old version is poised to play in the Charlton Athletic midfield against Kettering Town in the fourth round of the FA Cup at Selhurst Park.

Mackenzie said: "Winning this match is vital. Reaching the final this year would mean so much more to me than it did at 19. It will be a hard, tough battle. I have a feeling it won't be my favourite type of game."

No one is about to underestimate the opposition. "Kettering could hold their own in the fourth division – and no team in that league is a pushover. I have a high regard for Peter Morris, the Kettering manager, who has brought in a lot of ex-League pros. With people like Robbie Cooke and Ernie Moss, who will score goals anywhere, playing we have to treat them with respect. We we will need to play to the best of our ability and we will certainly be as keyed up as they are."

Tense they may be, but Charlton have prepared for this afternoon in a distinctly low-key manner. With the possibility of relegation to the second division staring you in the face there is little option. "We didn't allow ourselves to think about the Cup until after last Saturday's win at Newcastle. Until then we were fully occupied by thoughts of avoiding getting into trouble again."

That result lifts Charlton to the relative comfort of seventeenth position, six points clear of Newcastle at the bottom. Consequently, the South Londoners have earned the right to a little fantasy about receiving medals from royalty in May.

As Mackenzie put it: "We didn't really start thinking about Kettering in training until Wednesday, but I can guarantee we will all be excited by three this afternoon. If we can get to the fifth round there will be a little sniff of Wembley. The odds shorten and anything is possible . . ."

Back in 1981 everything looked possible for Mackenzie. In reality his subsequent career has been characterized by anticlimax rather than accolades. He has twice been sold for six-figure fees – by Manchester City to West Bromwich Albion for £450,000 and thence to Charlton for £200,000.

However, life has been punctuated less by defence-splitting passes than physiotherapy. "I haven't achieved what I wanted. I haven't got that much out of the game. When we lost the Cup final I wasn't too upset, I imagined there would be more to come. If I'd known then what the next eight years really had in store I would have been very disappointed."

Perhaps this sense of anticlimax is inevitable in someone who, at only 17, moved from Crystal Palace to Malcolm Allison's City for £250,000 without having kicked a ball in the first team.

Subsequently Mackenzie has played for several high-profile managers, including John Bond and Ron Saunders. Significantly, he rates Lennie Lawrence, in charge at Charlton, as among the best. "He has done so well to avoid relegation."

Lawrence will do equally well to avoid the giant-killing syndrome by charting a safe passage into the fifth round.

Louise Taylor

No animosity as top rowers split

By Jim Railton

The news that the Great Britain oarsmen, Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes, have broken up is common knowledge, but they could well team up again before the next Olympic Games. Redgrave and Holmes have rowed together for a long time, winning Olympic, world and Commonwealth gold medals, but for a variety of reasons, they have not rowed together since Seoul, when they challenged for both the coxed and coxless pairs titles.

At present, Redgrave is rowing in a coxless pair with Simon Beresford at Henley, while Holmes partners John Maxey at Hammersmith. Redgrave is rowing at bow and could eventually stroke a coxless pair from bow-side if the combination stays together. Holmes's training centres around the hospital duties of Maxey, a doctor.

Mike Spracklen, the coach to Redgrave and Holmes, said yesterday: "They have been training together a long time, mostly twice a day, and this change is something they both want and need. I coach Steve's new combination every day and Andy's occasionally. The good news is that they will, it seems, continue through the next Olympiade. I would not be surprised if by the 1992 Olympic regatta they are together in the same boat again."

Redgrave said yesterday: "Andy and I have split for the moment, but it is not a personality clash. We know as a unit we can put our act together at any time and make our mark at Olympic and world championship levels. What we are striving for at the moment is hard to say. After a skiing holiday I started serious training only recently, but after the rest I am now really enjoying training again. Next year I would like to resume bobsleighing, and aim to drive the British bobsleigh team in the Winter Olympics."

Holmes has posted his intent: "My aim is to be the fastest possible boat in the 1992 Olympic regatta, whatever that is." It is going to be hard to find a faster combination than Redgrave and Holmes.

No plans for rebel tour

Johannesburg (Reuter) – South Africa has no immediate plans to host a rebel cricket tour, although some England Test players have made inquiries, the South African Cricket Union (SACU) president, Joe Pamensky, said yesterday.

"Certain England players did approach us about a possible tour," Pamensky said. "We will not pursue the matter at this stage. We'll decide when another tour suits our needs."

Ali Bacher, the SACU managing director, said they preferred to concentrate on the domestic scene. "Unofficial tours. . .are not crucial right now to keep South African cricket vibrant. We won't survive or fall on international tours."

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Forest manager given good news and bad

By Louise Taylor

Brian Clough was charged with bringing the game into disrepute by the Football Association yesterday only hours before learning that the Director of Public Prosecutions would not be initiating criminal proceedings against him.

The Nottingham Forest manager struck several supporters who invaded the City Ground pitch following his team's 5-2 win over Queen's Park Rangers in the Littlewoods Cup on January 18.

Subsequently Clough became the subject of investigations by first Nottinghamshire Police and then the Crown Prosecution Service. Yesterday Allan Green, the Director of Public Prosecutions, said: "The Nottinghamshire police have been advised that, having considered all the information available, there is insufficient evidence to justify criminal proceedings against Mr Clough."

"The matter is over as far as we are concerned," a Nottinghamshire police spokesman said.

Paul White, the club secretary at Forest, said: "From the club's point of view this is great news. It is fantastic. Obviously I am delighted and I am sure Mr Clough will be."

Any relief would have been mitigated by the fact that Clough must now appear before the FA's disciplinary commission at the City Ground on February 9, when he could face an unlimited punishment, possibly including a heavy fine or a touchline ban.

The disciplinary commission is expected to question him about a newspaper article in which Clough allegedly declared he would: "do it all over again."

Clough, aged 53, has been in charge at Forest since 1975. He is the League's second longest serving manager and has a 24-year record in management.

Short list of tour candidates

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The timing of the proposed tour of England's B team is almost certain to render unavailable the man the Football Association would prefer to appoint as the manager. Bobby Robson's involvement with the senior squad is likely to prevent him from overseeing the start of his own idea.

If the FA's international committee decides on Monday that the tour should take place immediately after the end of the domestic season on May 13, the list of internal candidates would effectively be reduced to one. He is Dave Sexton, the manager of the under-21 side.

Robson's priorities will inevitably lie on a higher level. Instead of shaping a shadow squad, he will be preparing the national team for the World Cup tie against Poland at Wembley on June 3. For practice, England will play in the Rous Cup, against Chile on May 23 and against Scotland on May 27.

The international committee is planning to send the B team to Western Europe, ideally for three matches in 10 days. An FA spokesman, who admitted that no official approaches had yet been made, said yesterday: "We want to keep it simple and to avoid long journeys.

"If we cannot call on members of our own full-time managerial staff," he added, "we would obviously have to ask a club if we can borrow their manager". Graham Taylor, as long as Aston Villa are not competing in the FA Cup Final on May 20, is considered the favourite outsider.

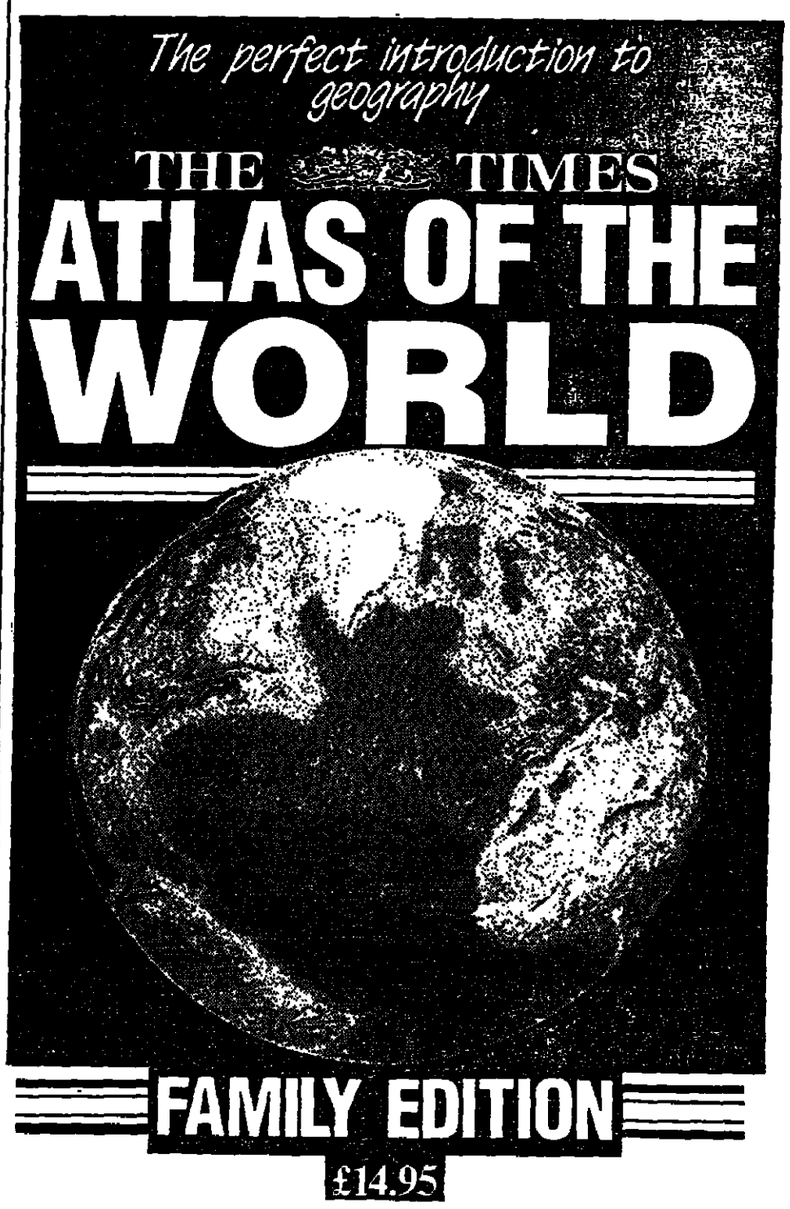
The FA may prefer to reduce speculation concerning Robson's successor by selecting one of his assistants.

League ruling sought

Middlesbrough have asked the Football League to arrange a new date for their match against West Ham United at Upton Park, postponed from February 11, because West Ham are to play Luton Town in a Littlewoods Cup semi-final the following day.

West Ham have delayed a decision on Middlesbrough's request to play on the following Wednesday. Bruce Rioch, the Middlesbrough manager, said: "I cannot understand why there is a delay. We have been negotiating for a week."

● ZURICH: Inter Milan have been fined £82,000 by UEFA following a series of incidents during the second leg of their third round UEFA Cup match against Bayern Munich last December. Bayern were fined £11,400.



Flight of the mountain breed

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Stars of snow business: the championships could confirm a growing view that Vreni Schneider of Switzerland is the finest technical woman skier in history; meanwhile, Luxembourg's Marc Girardelli (right) is one of two contenders for all five men's titles

Tomorrow the world ski championships begin in Vail, Colorado. As tension mounts towards next Saturday's downhill climax, Iain Macleod looks at the money, glamour, pre-race hype — and skiers — that go to make this such a thrilling extravaganza

For only the second time since the World Alpine Ski Championships were inaugurated in 1931, the United States tomorrow plays host to the most concentrated global snow extravaganza outside the Winter Olympic Games.

The venue could not be more impressive: the twin resorts of Vail and Beaver Creek, which will share the championships, nestle at the heart of one of the most majestic mountain ranges on earth — the Colorado Rockies. To this harsh land, whose name still conjures up images of the grizzled mountain men of the old West, comes another breed equally accustomed to the perils of mountain life: the downhill skiers.

The focal point of these and any other major championships is the contest for the men's title, which takes place next Saturday at 11am local time (6pm GMT) — a two-minute opportunity for each racer to become a millionaire.

It is all far removed from the previous occasion in 1950, when nearby Aspen became the first American venue to host the championships (Winter Olympics notwithstanding — until 1985, world and Olympic titles were decided concurrently). Nowadays, Colorado's chic resorts are the envy of the world. The Vail Valley area has been a major international ski centre since 1962. Just two hours' drive from Denver, its high altitude (2,470 metres) usually ensures superb snow conditions.

As with the season-long World Cup, the importance of the world championships as a sporting event has to be measured against the enormous publicity generated by media exposure. Long after the events of Vail '89 have been consigned to the history books, the tourist industry which sustains the resort will continue to provide its major source of income.

The success of the 1987 world championships in Crans-Montana, Switzerland, underlines the point. Although the pressures exerted on racers during world championships — producing your best form on a given day and having no second chance — are not unlike the Olympic Games, the organizational aspect is vastly different.



Fighting Swiss: Maria Walliser (left) and her rival, Michela Figini, may face their last duel

The principal source of revenue at any Olympiad is the television rights — in Calgary last February, for example, the total income from television constituted 60 per cent of the organizing committee's budget. In Crans-Montana, television receipts of one million Swiss francs represented a meagre 6 per cent of the entire income; however, the organizers in Crans estimated that the value of publicity received from newspapers, television and sponsors amounted to almost 100 million Swiss francs.

Given the Americans' talent for marketing a product, Vail will probably accrue similar benefits. Even the reluctance of the ABC television network to cover the entire championships, because of the high production costs, has been largely overcome by the agreement of the cable sports network, ESPN, to supplement coverage. The relief is evident — ESPN is now seen as required viewing in 54 per cent of American homes.

Nevertheless, viewing will be determined largely by what happens on the slopes. The prospects for the next fortnight are particularly intriguing in the blue-riband event of the championships, the men's downhill. No other event in winter sports commands such attention, or demands such levels of mental and physical preparation.

What gives added spice to this year's contest is the long-awaited Austrian resurgence, which began before Christmas. The post-Klammer era has been rather barren; no Austrian downhiller has been on top of the podium at a major championship since Harti Weirather triumphed in Schladming in 1982. Moreover, they have produced only one medal at four successive Olympic Games and world championships. In addition, since the departure of the legendary Charlie Kahr, better known as "Downhill Charlie", no Austrian coach has had any success worth mentioning.

But the demands of the World Cup, where 10 races produce the champion, and the world championships, where everything has to be right on a given day, are vastly different. The Swiss in recent years have adapted masterfully to whatever the elements have thrown at them. Furthermore, the downhill Centennial Course at Beaver Creek, designed by the former Swiss Olympic and world champion, Bernhard Russi, is less demanding than expected and is, in fact, a glider's course, ideally suited to the uncompromising Muller.

The women's event is equally the domain of the Swiss. Defending champion Maria Walliser is back on form, but has one eye on a movie career, so her battle with her great rival, the 1984 Olympic champion Michela Figini, will perhaps be the swansong to a great career.

Figini and Walliser are also in line for medals in the giant and super-giant slaloms. Mateja Svet of Yugoslavia, Blanca Fernandez-Ochoa of Spain, and a liberal sprinkling of Austrians are also in the hunt for medals, though one must allow for the fact that double Olympic champion Vreni Schneider, of Switzerland, seems certain to rule supreme in the technical disciplines.

Schneider's phenomenal success this season suggests that she may well emerge as the most be-medalled woman of the championships. She won the World Cup slalom title after only five of the seven races, and is now on the verge of being acclaimed as the finest technical woman skier in history. Vail may offer final confirmation.

What is fascinating about the men's technical event is the likely three-way contest for supremacy between Zurbriggen, Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg, and Alberto Tomba of Italy. Zurbriggen and Girardelli are, in theory, the only two men who could win all five titles on offer, although given the sudden-death elements of the world championships, this is an unlikely prospect.

If one man is going to rise above the banality which repeated renditions of the Swiss national anthem would produce, it will surely be Tomba — the playboy of the skiing circuit. This Olympic and World Cup slalom and giant slalom champion has the magnetism to become the star of these championships. No other skier has a personality remotely comparable. Tomba, however, refuses to contemplate the downhill — the glamour event.

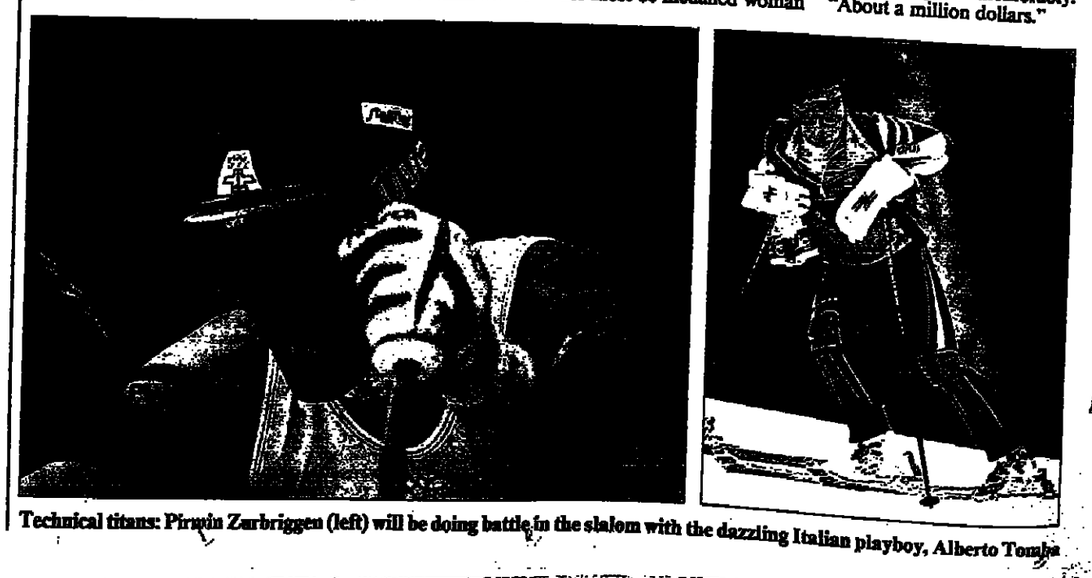
Whatever happens in the next fortnight, nothing will quite match the pre-race hype, or the sense of occasion, unique to the downhill. Perhaps it is the memory of outsiders such as Billy D. Johnson, coming through to win the 1984 Olympic title, which enhances the romance of hurtling down a mountain at 120 kilometres per hour.

Ironically, Johnson also epitomized what Vail is really all about. Asked after his victory in Sarajevo what winning the gold medal meant to him, he replied memorably: "About a million dollars."

'While Switzerland expects, Austria merely waits. However, a saviour is at hand'

The downhill has become of late a private duel between two contrasting Swiss skiers: Pirmin Zurbriggen, 1985 world champion and 1988 Olympic champion, a quiet man very much to the mountain born; and Peter Muller, who will defend his title in Vail having already proved that a lowlander, albeit a Swiss, can succeed at the highest level.

So while Switzerland expects, Austria merely waits. However, a saviour is at hand. Kurt Hoch, persuaded last summer to return from a coaching job in Norway to fill the hottest seat in Alpine sport, saw the Austrian, Helmut Hoeflehner, score successive wins over the Swiss before Christmas at Val Gardena and St Anton, giving fresh hope to a nation which worships the downhill event.



Technical titans: Pirmin Zurbriggen (left) will be doing battle in the slalom with the dazzling Italian playboy, Alberto Tomba

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Iain Macleod reports on the traditional rivalry at the heart of the world skiing championships

White circus arrives in the Rockies

Vail, Colorado

The quaint clock tower which marks the entrance to Vail Village, exudes such a distinctly Central European look, that it should convey a comforting sense of the old world as the Austrians and Swiss prepare for the confrontation set to dominate the World Alpine Skiing Championships which begin here tomorrow.

It is an event the alpine nations have come to regard as their own. They do not take kindly to outsiders which perhaps explains why this is only the third time since the championships were inaugurated in 1931, that they have left European shores.

But if alpine intolerance of lowland nations is not entirely unexpected, most of the venom is usually directed across the great mountain passes which dissect Switzerland and Austria.

Americans find it difficult to comprehend the eternal rivalry between the "old firm" of alpine skiing. It is, as any self-respecting Swiss or Austrian will tell you, a matter of the gravest national importance.

It is the inter-mountain equivalent of Brazil and Argentina at football, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union at ice hockey and China and Japan at gymnastics. There is, however, a more mercenary aspect to it all as both nations regard skiing as an extension of the economy — an unholy alliance of sport and industry.

What adds spice to the prospect of these championships being the finest ever is the Austrian resurgence in the first two phases of the World Cup season.

The Swiss may still have a stranglehold on most of the women's events, but their male counterparts, who have been the dominant force for the past five seasons, are no longer invincibile.

This is partly due to the comeback of the ageing trio of Austrian downhill racers, Wirnsberger, Stock and Hoeflehner, and partly to the versatility of Marc Girardelli, the sole representative of Luxembourg.

But the beauty of these championships is to be found in the sudden-death nature of each event. What will be particularly intriguing on this occasion will be to see how the Europeans, who have never been accustomed to racing on North American terrain in January, will adapt to the different climatic conditions.

For although coaches and technicians arrived here armed with a battery of information relating to temperature, humidity, snow texture and wind readings, their relevance will be dubious to say the least, given that all previous World Cup events in Colorado have been held in late February or early March.

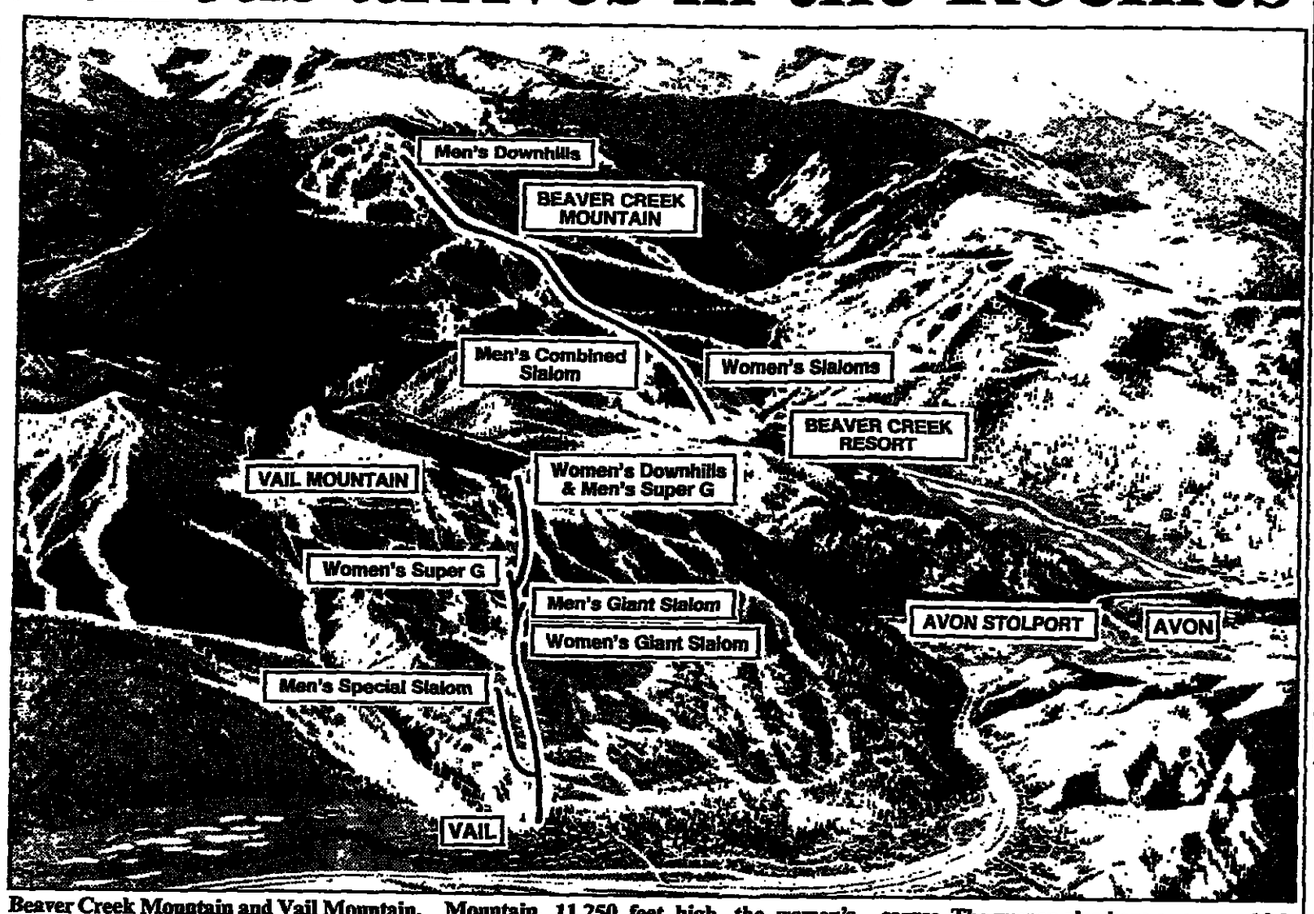
Moreover, physical conditioning will be of immense importance. Vail and the mountains which surround it are situated at an extremely high altitude which is in stark contrast to the majority of European venues.

Vail is 8,100 feet above sea level and the Centennial men's downhill course takes off at 11,000 feet. Although not as challenging as might normally be expected of a championship course, its length, 2.1 miles, will exact a fearsome toll on the human body.

Vail is presently the archetypal picture postcard resort, as blue skies and glorious sunshine illuminate the rugged splendour of the Colorado Rockies.

There is, however, little else to enthuse about as the artificial expansion of championships for the benefit of sponsors and television ensure that four combination races and two rest days in the next week will hardly set pulses racing.

Indeed, there are likely to be more fireworks at tomorrow evening's opening ceremony than in the slalom section of the women's combined event which opens the show at 10am. It is to nobody's credit that the first champion will not be crowned until next Thursday.



Beaver Creek Mountain and Vail Mountain, high in the Colorado Rockies, will provide the spectacular setting for the world ski championships. Beaver Creek is 11,440 feet high, with the men's downhill beginning only 470 feet from the summit. On Vail Mountain, 11,250 feet high, the women's downhill will begin at 10,387 feet. The two sites are 10 miles apart. The men's course is one of the longest in the world (3,442 metres). It is not as challenging as had been expected and is considered to be a "glider's" course. The women also have a course which is regarded as advantageous for gliders, though it is very technical at the bottom. Although the January average of snow is well down on normal, the courses are said to be in excellent condition.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Venue	US time	GMT
January				
Sun 29	Women's comb slalom: first run	Beaver Creek	10.00	17.00
	Second run		12.30	19.30
Mon 30	Men's comb slalom: first run	Beaver Creek	10.00	17.00
	Second run		12.30	19.30
February				
Thu 2	Women's combined downhill	Vail	11.00	18.00
Fri 3	Men's combined downhill	Beaver Creek	11.00	18.00
Sat 4	Men's downhill	Beaver Creek	11.00	18.00
Sun 5	Women's downhill	Vail	13.00	20.00
Mon 6	Women's slalom: first run	Beaver Creek	10.00	17.00
	Second run		12.30	19.30
Tue 7	Men's super giant slalom	Vail	11.00	18.00
Wed 8	Women's super giant slalom	Vail	11.00	18.00
Thu 9	Men's giant slalom: first run	Vail	10.00	17.00
	Second run		12.30	19.30
Sat 11	Women's giant slalom: first run	Vail	10.00	17.00
	Second run		12.30	19.30
Sun 12	Men's slalom: first run	Vail	09.30	16.30
	Second run		12.00	19.00

SNOOKER

Assumptions on Masters result are utterly false

By Steve Acteson

One theory in support of allegations that there was something fishy about the 5-1 scoreline by which Terry Griffiths beat Silvino Francisco in the first round of the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley last Monday was that it could happen at this tournament because the Masters does not carry ranking points.

That is an utterly false assumption. The Masters is snooker's longest-running tournament, the world championship apart, and is by invitation only to the game's top 16 players. The 5-1 score was heavily backed by punters and prompted an investigation by the Betting Offices Licensees Association.

This year the event offers £250,000 in prize money with £62,000 going to the winner tomorrow. More importantly, the Masters title is held in great esteem by those players fortunate enough to compete for it.

Cliff Thorburn, who has won the Masters a record three times calls it "the big daddy" and Steve Davis, the defending champion, who is not going to the European Open, which begins in Deauville on Monday and carries ranking points, because he needs to recharge his batteries, never considered refusing his invitation to Wembley.

"I'm very nervous over the tournament, I'm really quite uptight to win it," the world champion said after beating Tony Knowles 5-0 to reach today's semi-finals. He tackles the Scot, Stephen Hendry, aged 20, who is eyeing Davis's mantles as world champion and world No. 1.

Hendry, ranked fourth and steadily climbing, began the season eagerly expecting a series of head-to-head encounters with Davis but they have met only twice so far. Hendry, who is playing in his first Masters, losing in Canada but heavily beating Davis by 9-3 in the UK championship semi-finals. "Davis knows he's going to have a match on his hands," Hendry said.

Thorburn, meanwhile, managed a best break of only 27 as he fell 3-1 behind in his quarter-final with Neal Foulds who had runs of 67, 31, 35, 40 and 46.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: N Foulds (Eng) leads C Thorburn (Can), 3-1. Frame scores (Foulds first): 105-7, 95-31, 18-73, 108-26.

TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY: Semi-finals (best of 11 frames): 1pm: S Davis (Eng) v S Hendry (Scot). 7pm: N Foulds (Eng) or C Thorburn (Can) v J Parrott (Eng) or J White (Eng).

GOLF

Lyle's consistency gains recognition

From John Ballantine, Monterey

As Sandy Lyle holed a 30-footer for a birdie two at golf's most famous short hole, Cypress Point's 231-yard 16th, here on Thursday, an elderly spectator from Oregon turned to his companion and said: "This fellow Lyle is in the money wherever he goes."

Remarks of this kind are becoming very common for Lyle has become such a fine and consistent striker that it seems just inconceivable that he can fail to qualify or win a big prize every week, barring some physical ailment or sickness.

In the opening round of the A T and T National Pro-Am, the Masters champion, who will be 31 early next month, sauntered around this difficult course as contentedly as might a Shropshire farmer surveying his 1,000 acres, before handing in one of his regular cards of 68.

This, it is true, left him three strokes behind the surprise leader, the former USPGA champion, Dave Stockton, now 47, but everyone who followed Lyle around Spyglass Hill yesterday was anticipating that the Scot would break par again.

Lyle, with his natural swing, made scoring look so easy in the warm sunshine at Cypress Point. He launched the ball vast distances down every fairway with either his driver or his 1-iron, pitched the ball onto most greens, again with that absurd ease of a boy born "with a club in his hands," and wrote down either a par or a birdie, depending on whether he holed or missed his putts.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 68 D Stockton 68 N Price (SA), M O'Meara. 67 T Kite, J Cook, K Green, L Clements, L Roberts. 68: S Lyle (GB), D Dorn, P Jacobsen, T Simpson, T Schulz, K Green. Other Europeans 70: B Langer (WG). 71: H Clark (GB). 72: A Forsbrand (Swe). 74: K Brown. 75: N Faldo (GB).

FOOTBALL: NON-LEAGUE VISITORS STAND BETWEEN FIRST-DIVISION HOSTS AND A PLACE IN THE FIFTH-ROUND DRAW OF THE FA CUP

Sutton dreaming again of brave men crying

By Louise Taylor

FA CUP

The parameters of fantasy and reality will become blurred at three o'clock this afternoon and nowhere more so than at Carrow Road and Selhurst Park, where non-League visitors stand between first division hosts and coveted places in the draw for the fifth round of the FA Cup.

Since disposing of Coventry City in the third round, the odds against Sutton United winning the FA Cup have shortened dramatically. "They are down from 2,000-1 to 500-1," a spokesman for Ladbrokes, the bookmakers, said. "We have never known support like this for a non-League club to win the Cup and at the moment our liability on them stands at £500,000. If they beat Norwich City that could soon be £1 million."

Barrie Williams, Sutton's eloquent manager, knows it is a big if. "We are privileged to be playing at Norwich," he said. "Once again we have no chance. But it's the Cup and sometimes on the day brave men suddenly cry. . ."

Lennie Lawrence, who is in charge at Charlton Athletic, may be a master of escapology when it comes to averting demotion to the second division but he recognizes that coping with Kettering Town could prove equally stressful. "We are not taking any chances and have prepared for the game as though Kettering were in the League. We must guard against them becoming giant-killers again."

One man is so confident that David will slay Goliath at Selhurst that he has bet £1,000 on it at 9-1. The health of his bank balance may depend on the manner in which the side from the GM Vauxhall Conference executes its set-pieces.

Sutton's goals against Coventry originated from dead-ball situations and Micky Stephens, who was involved in both, said: "We already have a lot of free-kick and corner-kick moves up our sleeves and we have been practising a few new ones. Our set-piece moves give us a real chance."

Wimbledon, past masters of such moves, return to Birmingham, scene of their third-round success against City, to tackle Aston Villa, where the midfield contest between Vinny Jones and Gordon Cowans, the former England international, should add an intriguing element to their meeting with Aston Villa.

There has been a reassuring aspect to the preparations of Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, for his side's visit to Plymouth Argyle. For the first Saturday since October 1985 he has a fully fit complement at his disposal. "It is the first time since I took over as manager that I have had everyone available," he said. "It is a rare luxury but a great position to be in. I would settle for selection problems like this every week."

Manchester United expect a gate in excess of 50,000 for the visit of Oxford United. The second division visitors can take heart from the fact that recent history, at least, is on their side. Alex Ferguson's first match in charge of United ended in a 2-0 defeat at the Manor Ground, where last season Oxford knocked his team out of the Littlewoods Cup in the fifth round.

Lou Macari played in three FA Cup finals during his days as a player at Old Trafford. Now manager of Swindon Town, he is relishing the prospect of the highly charged atmosphere generated by a sell-out 20,000 crowd willing the Wiltshire team to prick the West Ham United bubble.

"I'm as excited about this game as I was for any of my finals," he said. "There is no competition like the FA Cup. Don't ask me why, but there is certainly something extra special about it."



Back to the front: McCoist returns for Rangers after injury

Neighbours ready to resume rivalry

by Roddy Forsyth

The Scottish Cup proper begins this afternoon when clubs from the top two divisions participate for the first time. The most evenly balanced tie, at least in prospect, is at Dens Park where Dundee meet Dundee United in a municipal collision which the tournament has produced for the third year running.

In both previous meetings, United have emerged as the winners and, indeed, the Tannadice team proceeded to consecutive finals and defeats administered by St Mirren and Celtic respectively. For all United's eventual domination of their neighbours the ties were closely contested but this afternoon it appears that Dundee's threat may have lessened.

The caretaker manager of Dundee, John Blackley, has injury problems, his principal concern being the forward, Coyne, who has a damaged ankle. Graham Harvey is doubtful with a groin strain and the former Dundee United defender, Holt, may not start. United have a full squad from which to choose.

Rangers were dismissed on their first outing last season by Dunfermline and by Hamilton two years ago. Today they travel to Kirkcaldy where Raith Rovers are their hosts. Despite the return of Chris Woods in goal during the indoor sixes competition in Glasgow last weekend, Walker will almost certainly continue in goal.

The principal scorer for Rangers, Ally McCoist, begins his first full game since a knee injury put him out of action in October and with Richard Gough again suspended, Gary Stevens seems likely to partner Butcher in central defence.

Celtic endured a surprising alarm at home last year when they could only score one goal against Stranraer, who missed a penalty kick. Accordingly, Dumbarton will be treated cautiously today and the home squad will be reinforced by the return of the midfield player, Billy Stark, who is restored to fitness. Aberdeen must make a hazardous journey to East End Park where their supporters will be outnumbered in the capacity crowd by those of Dunfermline, whose manager, Jim Leishman, intends to use this week's celebrations of the birth of Robert Burns to inspire his team talk. He will be assisted by the restoration of Mark Smith while Aberdeen can call on the services of their influential and experienced captain, Willie Miller, now recovered from a knee operation. Dodds and Nicholas will form the forward partnership.

At Tynecastle, Heart of Midlothian and Ayr United meet in another of the day's more interesting ties. If Hearts' season has been uninspired they remain a steady side while United are, by the admission of their manager, Ally McLeod, mercurial.

● The Newcastle United midfield player, Albert Craig, formerly of Hamilton Academicals, has joined third division Northampton Town on a month's loan.

Cascarino hopes to cut Liverpool down to size

By Louise Taylor

Liverpool may be the bookmakers' favourites to win the FA Cup, yet they must first survive a potentially fiery baptism in the Lions' Den tomorrow. A capacity crowd of 25,000 and a BBC television audience of millions will watch the men from Anfield attempting to kick sand in Millwall's faces on their first visit to the Den. Indeed, it will be only the third senior meeting between the clubs.

The first was in 1896 and the second, last November, resulted in a 1-1 league draw. Liverpool will harbour no illusions that tomorrow will prove any easier. Tony Cascarino, the Millwall forward, is confident that his team will be equally disrespectful of Liverpool under cup conditions.

"There is no danger of us being overawed by facing them," he said. "We didn't feel intimidated when we went there — indeed it is often said that coming to the Den frightens a lot of teams."

Cascarino is a prime example of the aura of superstition that frequently shrouds the cup preparations of professional footballers. "I have decided to have a hair-cut before every cup-tie just for luck," he explained. "It worked in the last round against Luton when I had a good trim. Now there is not a lot more to cut off but if it comes to it I will be delighted to run out at Wembley completely bald." Cascarino, it should be said, is a former hairdresser.

Liverpool hope their defence will be bolstered by the return of Gillespie, who has not played a senior game for three months since undergoing a knee operation, and Venison, following hamstring trouble. However Stephenson, who penetrated the Liverpool rearguard with Millwall's goal on his debut at Anfield, could be missing from the Millwall team due to the impressive form of Carter.

The Millwall midfield battleground will be reinforced by the return of Briley after suspension and he should resume his partnership with Hurlock, who is expected to shrug off a groin strain.

Millwall made their live television debut in front of ITV cameras last week and, if the entertainment value tomorrow equals that of the meeting with Norwich City, BBC executives will be amply satisifed with their choice of venue.

HILLS BETTING: 9-2: Liverpool; 5-1: Manchester United; 8-1: Everton, Nottingham Forest; 8-1: Norwich City; 16-1: Aston Villa; 20-1: Derby County; 25-1: West Ham United, Wimbledon; 28-1: Charlton Athletic, Manchester City, Millwall; 50-1: bar.

Jeffrey back adding steel to rearguard

David Jeffrey and George O'Boyle are set to return after injury to the Linfield team for today's fourth-round Irish Cup match against Coleraine at the Showgrounds (George Ace writes).

Jeffrey, the team captain, a commanding presence along with Lindsay McKeown at the heart of the defence, will add steel to the Linfield rearguard while O'Boyle, on a season's loan from Bordeaux, is the scourge of local defences. He has been persistently mentioned as a possible choice by Bingham for his World Cup squad for the return game with Spain at Windsor Park next month.

Coleraine, twice conquerors of Linfield in the Cup in the past three seasons, select from a full-strength squad.

Dundela, one of 18 junior clubs in action, will stir memories in their tie with Glenavon at Mourneview Park. In 1955 Dundela beat them 3-0 in the final to provide the biggest shock in Irish Cup history. Glenavon then had such stalwarts as Wilbur Cush, Johnny Denver, Jimmy Jones and Stewart Campbell.

● David O'Leary has been recalled to the Republic of Ireland squad for the friendly international against France at Dalymount Park on February 7.

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

Aston Villa v Wimbledon
Price and Cowans face late fitness tests on hamstring injuries for Villa but Evans returns to the squad. Fashanu is recalled by Wimbledon following suspension.

Blackburn v Sheff Wed
Kennedy (ankle), Garner (groin) and Hendry (knee) are all doubtful for Blackburn so Dismond stands by. Ainscow, Dawson and Reid are definitely ruled out. Hirst returns for Wednesday.

Bradford v Hull
Ormondroyd is expected to have recovered from an ankle injury in time to take his place in the Bradford attack.

Brentford v Man City
Brentford are likely to be unchanged. Dibble plays for City despite an eye infection but Moulden (knee) and Lake (ankle) face late fitness tests.

Charlton v Kettering
Charlton name a 15-man squad including Jones, who has been out of action for two months with ankle trouble. Kettering have named a 15-man squad.

Grimsby v Reading
Grimsby should be unchanged. Franklin (knee) and Tait (achilles tendon) are due to take late fitness checks for Reading. Whitlock, Jones, and Williams have been passed fit.

Hartlepool v Bournm'th
Nobbs (hamstring) and Toman (knee) face fitness tests for Hartlepool but Baker will play following recovery from a back injury. Bournemouth have doubts about Bond, Brooks, Pulis and Aylott.

Man Utd v Oxford
Manchester United are expected to field the side which beat QPR in a third round replay. Foyle (neck) faces a fitness check for Oxford.

Norwich v Sutton
Rosario (thigh strain) is doubtful for Norwich. Allen is poised to deputize and Taylor is added to the squad. Sutton field the side which beat Coventry in the third round.

Nott'm Forest v Leeds
Crosby (knee) is doubtful for Forest. Walker has recovered from a groin strain and could be a substitute. Aizlewood (fractured knuckle) is absent for Leeds so Batty deputizes. Adams replaces for Whitlow, who is cup-tied.

Plymouth v Everton
Brown has completed a suspension and returns for Plymouth at Rowbotham's expense. Campbell and Matthews are the substitutes. Sharpe, Reid and Steven are all available for Everton who select from a fully fit squad for the first time since October 1985.

Sheff Utd v Colchester
Deane returns to the United attack after suspension but Stancliffe (hamstring) faces a late fitness test. Colchester are without Kelly, who has returned to Shrewsbury, and Taylor (cup-tied): Radford and Bedford are the likely replacements.

Stoke v Barnsley
Parkin, of Stoke, will be missing with a groin injury. Stoke will make a late choice between Ford and Ware at right-back. Higgins has been passed fit. Barnsley are injury-free.

Swindon v West Ham
Illness, injury and suspension mean that Swindon are deprived of Shearer, White, King and Barnes. Hockaday (hamstring) and Parkin (ankle) face fitness tests. Dickens (ankle) will have a late check for West Ham.

Watford v Derby
Watford are unchanged. Goddard is expected to return to the Derby attack following an ankle injury but Saga (knee) is doubtful and Wright is suspended. Callaghan (calf) faces a late fitness test.

Tomorrow

Millwall v Liverpool
Briley returns from suspension to replace Morgan in the Millwall midfield where Hurlock is expected to play. Carter is expected to be preferred to Stephenson on the right wing. Venison and Gillespie could return for Liverpool following injury.

England team running on a tight schedule

Tony Jennings, the manager of the England semi-professional team, is experiencing this week the anxieties that Bobby Robson goes through before every international (Paul Newman writes).

Jennings, in charge for the first time after the resignation of Kevin Verity last year, goes into a match against Italy at La Spezia tomorrow having already lost three of his squad and knowing that injuries in club matches today could further deplete his party.

England's preparations for their first international this season will be far from ideal. The team will assemble tonight, fly to Pisa tomorrow morning, and take the field in the evening. In these difficult circumstances Jennings has opted for all the experience available and will field a side whose greatest strength seems to be in attack.

ENGLAND SQUAD: A Pape (Enfield), M Bosley (Maidstone United), P Shirtliff (Boston United), P Densmore (Runcorn), D Howell (Enfield), M Gelley (Maidstone United), A Lee (Telford United), N Lake (Macclesfield), A Joseph (Telford United), P Bancroft (Kidderminster Harriers), S Brooks (Cheltenham), P Shearer (Cheltenham), S Butler (Maidstone United), P Davies (Kidderminster Harriers), M Carter (Runcorn).

IN BRIEF

Football for master players

British football stars of the past can revive former glories in the first European Championships for master players later this summer.

The eight-nation over-35 tournament, sponsored by TNT, will be staged as part of the World Masters Games in Denmark during July and August.

Bournemouth the setting for rally

Bournemouth is the setting for the only top-class motor rally to be staged in the South of England this year, and 160 crews will contest the Mazda winter rally tomorrow. David Metcalfe, the Kendal garage owner in a Vauxhall Astra, and Colin McRae, son of the British champion, should set the pace.

Walsh steps down

Pebble Beach (Reuter) — Bill Walsh stepped down as head coach of the San Francisco 49ers on Thursday, four days after leading the team he joined in 1979 to its third Super Bowl championship of the decade.

Harwood record

Melbourne (AFP) — Mike Harwood, of Australia, broke the course record in a round of 67, six under par, yesterday to join Simon Owen, of New Zealand, and Peter Senior, of Australia, in the lead at the halfway mark in the $88,000 Australian PGA Championship.

Slack funeral date

The funeral of Wilf Slack, the Middlesex cricketer, will be at Kensington Temple, Kensington Park Road, London, at 10am next Friday.

Foreman again

Rochester (AP) — Former world heavyweight champion George Foreman stopped Mark Young at 1min 47sec of the seventh round Thursday night.

Games venue delay

The venue of this year's World Student Games will be announced on Monday, according to the International Student Sports Federation (FISU). A decision had been expected yesterday after Brazil's economic problems jeopardized São Paulo's ability to host the games.

Drug test warning

Singapore (Reuter) — Athletes could be drug-tested anywhere at any time under stringent new rules discussed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) council yesterday.

Tennis clincher

Ray Ranson, from Sheffield, and his son Paul, aged 20, missed four match points before beating John and Nick Adams, of Billericay, 7-6, 4-6 7-5 in the final of the Remington father and son tennis championship at La Manga, Spain, yesterday. But Janice Wainwright and her daughter Tamsin, aged 14, of Birmingham, saved a match point before beating Avril and Caroline Petchey, of Loughton, 5-7, 7-6, 6-2 in the final of the mother and daughter championship.

RUGBY UNION: HOLDERS OF ENGLISH AND WELSH CUPS FACE TRICKY AWAY TIES

Harlequins assured of hot reception at Webb Ellis Road

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

It is a romantic thought that the draw for today's third round of the Pilkington Cup has taken Harlequins, one of the founder members of the Rugby Football Union, to Rugby, the birthplace of the game. That, however, is as far as romanticism goes, since Webb Ellis Road this afternoon will be no place for faint hearts.

It is fair to say that Harlequins have at no stage this season produced the form that swept them to success in the cup last season. At the same time Rugby's organization has taken them past two potentially awkward opponents in Vale of Lune and West Hartlepool, as well as to joint-second place in the third division of the Courage Clubs Championship, so their confidence is high.

Moreover, they are led by Steve Brain, that uncompromising former England hooker who, at 34, has collected a few nuggets of experience along the way. "It's nice to get back to a big-occasion game," he said yesterday. "It'll be a chance to remind a few people I'm not dead yet and to show that we, as a side, are geared for this sort of match."

Although Brain has a former hooker, Andy Johnson, as club coach it would be quite wrong to assume Rugby are a forward-based side. Successes such as that recently against Nottingham have been founded on all-round ability, including that of their high-scoring wing, Eddie Saunders, and the goal kicking of Chris Howard.

Saunders, formerly of Coventry, scored 39 tries last season and has 16 this; Howard, who broke the club's points record last season, has already garnered over 250 points, including 12 tries. Both have been assisted by the skill of Palmer at centre and the maturity of Pell as a playmaker at stand-off half.

In addition Rugby are able to welcome back another old head today in Malik, whose playing reputation was made in Coventry but whose revivalist talents have been placed entirely at Rugby's disposal, as flank forward and as administrator. Malik was injured against Nuneaton in October and this will be his first full game back; the same match removed Dodson from contention at full back and Brain himself hurt a knee.

"We're concentrating on playing it our way rather than worrying about what Harlequins might do," Brain said. "They have proved vulnerable in early rounds of the cup before and possibly this match will not mean as much to some of them as it does to our lads. Having said that we are hoping they don't decide to get on Saturday."

The two clubs met on a divisional day last month when Harlequins won 13-9. Only three of their players remain from that day, Davis (wing), Luxton (scrum half) and David Thresher (No. 8). They will field five internationals, including Carling, the England captain, and two current England replacements, all of whom will know they have been in a match when they gather tomorrow for training with the defence of that other cup — the one from Calcutta — in mind.

Elsewhere in the Pilkington Cup there will be widespread interest in Aspatria's attempt to reach Monday's fourth-round draw at Moseley's expense, and the efforts of Berry Hill to lift another exiled scalp at London Irish.

Bath, fresh from their mid-winter break in Lanzarote, may be close to the competition's record score (87-3 by Gloucester against Exeter three years ago) when they meet Oxford while Hare requires only two points in Leicester's game at Liverpool/St Helens to pass 500 in the cup.

Welsh get down to nitty-gritty of Cup

By David Hands

The mutterings about the achievements — or absence of them — of the national XV may continue off the field today but the players themselves can get back to the nitty-gritty by immersing themselves in the fifth round of the Schweppes Welsh Cup.

Well, most can, but Laurance Delaney is not among them. The Llanelli tight-head prop, who was named on Thursday for his first cap — against Ireland next Saturday — is taking the traditional weekend off and misses the Cup-holders' visit to Pontypridd, which will be a disappointment to him since it promises to be an outstanding match.

This, above all, will be the test of everything Pontypridd have done this season to drag themselves into the top four clubs in Wales, and also to indicate that maybe they, too, have players worthy of higher honours. Few would dispute Llanelli's position as the leading club in the country after their defeat of Neath earlier this month, nor that they have other players challenging for caps — such as the back-row Jones's, Iwan and Gary.

Ieuan Evans, who missed the defeat by Scotland, will play on Llanelli's wing needing to prove his recovery from a back injury if he is to take his place against Ireland. His examination will be conducted by Justin Robinson, selected by Pontypridd ahead of Edwin Ford.

Newport's Cup tie with Newbridge at Rodney Parade will allow the valley club to indicate their advance as the most successful of the Gwent clubs this season. Their task may be made easier by the absence of Jonathan Callard, the Newport full back who is not ready to play after an exploratory operation on his knee a fortnight ago.

His place is occupied by Phil Steele and the goal-kicking Gary Abraham moves to centre — where he plays for Polytechnic of Wales — which permits the inclusion at stand-off of David Phillips.

Perhaps the best hope of an upset to a senior club comes with Llanharan's home tie with South Wales Police who, though they field five internationals — four of them among the forwards — have been unconvincing this season and have decided to drop Andrew Hughes, their leading try-scorer.

Two clubs who, in other seasons, might still have expected to be in their respective Cup competitions, meet to commiserate at St Helen's: Swansea play London Welsh, who field Mike Lewis at stand-off. He made his debut against Neath last week and has confirmed his hopes of joining the Exiles, which will give them a proven goalkicker at a time when they most need one. Lewis holds the Aberavon record of points in a season, with 306 six years ago.

Hereford try to be unbowed

By David Hands

There are two clubs in today's third round of the Pilkington Cup who have never lost in the knockout competition: forget your Baths and Leicesters, concentrate instead upon Brixham, who welcome Gloucester on a visit to the seaside which will be no picnic, and Hereford, who play host to the sturdy folk from Tynedale.

Granted this is Brixham's first season in the cup, so "played two" (Okehampton and Old Culverhaysians), "won two" does not represent giant-killing on the grand scale. Hereford, though they were dispatched from the first round in 1980, lost the game only on the competition rules: they drew 15-15 with Walsall who went through as the away side.

Hereford's return to the cup this season has produced victories over Leighton Buzzard and Widnes and, for the third time, the draw has given them the advantage of their own Wyeside ground.

Moreover they know precisely what to expect from Tynedale: Adrian Whitfield, their chairman of rugby, propped for the North-east club, whose front five posed tremendous problems for Coventry in the cup last season before going out by one point.

Hereford's success has created an unexpected buzz in the cathedral city. John Butler, the secretary, confesses that his club — there are only five rugby clubs in Herefordshire — occupies something of a rugby no man's land, where the main allegiance is to football.

None the less they are only 24 miles from Berry Hill — the Gloucestershire club who have defeated London Welsh in successive seasons and now meet the exiles of London Irish — and the hard-headed Forest of Dean clubs.

The quality of Hereford's fixtures has improved this season, too, after their promotion to Midlands division one of the Courage Clubs Championship, in which they lie joint second behind Walsall. They have won 17 of their 24 matches and anticipate a four-figure crowd tomorrow, having had inquiries about the game from many people outside their immediate catchment area.

They are fortunate in the support they get from the Bishop of Hereford's Blue Coat School, Aylestone School and Hereford Cathedral School, whose best-known rugby inhabitant was the present Welsh captain, Paul Thorburn.

This has enabled them, over the last year, to create a thriving youth section alongside their three senior teams and colts XV.

Tynedale are noted for the number of farmers in their side but in that respect also, Hereford are not badly off. The best known of the four farmers in their XV is probably John Watkins, a former captain and one of those rarities — a goal-kicking lock forward.

Two years ago Watkins established a club record of 414 points in a season — in the same year David Rogers scored 37 tries from the wing and has maintained his good form. A few more of the same tomorrow would not come amiss.

Little room for tradition in this noisy arena



JULIAN HERBERT

At a stretch: Dell Harris has his reach measured before the squash challenge on Thursday

Harris loses golden chance to dethrone the champion

By Colin McQuillan

When the £40,000 Olympic Gold Squash Rackets Challenge series between Del Harris, the British No. 1, and Jahangir Khan, the world champion, finally hit the road at Woking on Thursday evening, traditionalists might have been forgiven for assuming they had mistakenly wandered off the M3 into a circus boxing booth.

In place of the calm, tracksuited, near-anonimity with which even the world's best in this demanding sport normally approach the court, the pre-match scene was one of fanfares, multi-coloured dressing gowns, stripdown weigh-ins and patently manufactured verbal abuse. One half-expected to run across a couple of Mills Brothers, or at least Freddie of the same clan.

This was the first of a 10-match travelling series, repeatedly delayed and rescheduled over the past two months due to viral infections contracted by both combatants. They move on through Ilkeston, Sheffield, Harrogate and Durham over the weekend, break for tournament commitments in Edinburgh and Toronto, then pick up again with Norwich, Ipswich, London, Plymouth and Bristol over five days next month.

The organization behind the event is obviously significant but, by Woking's indications, not yet comprehensive. Careless reading of the scales on Thursday had Harris announced at a metric fighting weight which converted to something over 19st, with the world champion only a few pounds lighter.

When the ballyhoo was finally abandoned and the players took to a floodlit show court already overheated by a sweaty, capacity crowd of more than 400, it was realized that nobody had remembered to bring a ball. Five minutes of frantic searching produced a slightly worn and very bouncy training ball from the depths of a coaching bag.

Harris might have preferred to continue with the build-up. It took Jahangir 18 minutes to work his way out of unusually error-strewn difficulties in the first game and then just half an hour to demolish the nervous British No. 1 over the next two games, to win 15-12, 15-9, 15-5 under the new American scoring system adopted for professional squash.

Satisfied that he survived first-night jitters without total disgrace, Harris was confident afterwards of earning a fair share of the prize money by the time they reach Bristol next month. But he may never have a better chance to knock the champ out cold than that offered briefly at Woking, when the match stood poised at 12-12 in the first game.

● Surrey and Essex will try to end a northern dominance when the finals of the Inter County squash championship get underway at the South Marston Country Club, Swindon, this weekend. Surrey tackle hot favourites Yorkshire, led by the Scottish international, Mark McLean, and backed by British Under-19 champion, Simon Parke, in the first semi-final with Essex matched against Lancashire.

BASKETBALL

EBBA to rule on abandoned cup-tie

By Julian Desborough

The scenes that took place during the interval of the Coca Cola National Cup quarter-final in Derby on Thursday are another blow to the image of the sport.

The English Basket Ball Association (EBBA) will attempt to repair the damage in an emergency meeting on Monday by deciding the outcome of the unfinished cup-tie in favour of one of the competing sides, the Hemel and Watford Royals or the Derby Rams.

The incident started when Mike Henderson, who was on court for Derby although he was ineligible, appeared to take a swing at the Watford player, Leon Noel, after the buzzer for half-time had sounded, with the Hertfordshire visitors leading 43-37. The scuffle escalated, with players from both sides involved, before officials restored order and both teams headed for the dressing rooms.

As no immediate action was taken against Henderson by the referees, the Hemel coach, David Titmuss, refused to continue because Henderson was ineligible. Henderson was subsequently dismissed from the game by the referees but the Hemel and Watford team still refused to re-appear.

David Morgan, the Derby promoter, admitted the Rams had no case for Henderson, claiming the club played him to make the game more competitive for the home supporters.

Morgan said: "We will claim the result and lodge a protest that their American centre, Darryl Thomas, was also ineligible to play because he was signed after November 1. Our directors and coach, Clarence Wiggins, will decide disciplinary action on Henderson."

Titmuss said that he had cleared Thomas's eligibility with the EBBA two days prior to the game.

HOCKEY

England's bright beginning

From Sydney Friskin

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Hundreds of schoolchildren left their classrooms here yesterday morning to encourage Spain, the holders, in the European junior indoor championships. But not a few, later in the day, were shouting "Inglaterra" as England achieved a 5-3 victory over Italy in Group B.

England and Italy began with a struggle for possession, followed by the usual sliding of the ball along the side boards and a quick interception. Within seven minutes Garcia scooped the ball into the net from a corner and England were ahead.

After the Italians had hit a post, a corner to England gave way to a penalty stroke and Day converted. Then McGuire set up a chance for Day to score the third goal and Takker added a fourth before the interval.

Within a few seconds of the resumption, Chana scored from Garcia's pass for the fifth goal but that was the end of England's lively romp. The Italians raised their game and hit back twice from corners, through Raggio and Biasseton. England failed to convert two corners and Italy, moving much more fluently by the end, scored a third from Capone.

The tranquility of England's match was preceded by a deafening din caused by the beating of drums and frenzied cheers for Spain. But they could manage only a 6-6 draw with Switzerland who, at one time, were leading 4-2, and with barely a minute to go were 6-5 ahead, only for Spain to save the match from a penalty stroke. Earlier France, despite leading 3-0 at the interval, were overhauled by Austria, who won 5-4.

This tournament, the third in the series, is being played in a magnificent stadium with seating for 4,000. It will be filled to capacity should Spain reach the final.

RESULTS: Group A: Austria 5, France 4; Spain 6, Switzerland 6. Group B: England 5, Italy 3; Netherlands 13, Poland 7.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Aspatria v Moseley
Aspatria have Harrison, a converted scrum half, at stand-off to partner Doggart against a Moseley team reinforced in the front row by the presence of Linnett (prop) and Barbor (hooker).

Bath v Oxford
Bath field 11 internationals against newcomers to the third round in Oxford, whose captain, Davies, has recovered from injury.

Gosforth v Wakefield
Gosforth, having overcome injury problems, have Curry, Moffatt and Parker back in the front row. Wakefield play Joyce at lock, since Cunningham is cup-tied, and Cowling partners Barley at centre.

Havant v Exeter
Havant are at full strength, Moody having settled at flanker in place of the injured Smith. Exeter have benefited from the presence on the wing of Hoskins.

London Irish v Berry Hill
Whittle returns to the Irish back row and MacNeill to the wing but Mullen, the leading scorer, is doubtful with a neck injury. Richards (scrum half) has recovered from illness to play for Berry Hill.

Lon Scottish v Saracens
Exeter, formerly of Moseley, plays in the Scottish centre with Beazley at full back and Glasgow stand-off. Saracens have Buckton (centre) and Kennedy (wing) recovered from illness and injury.

Bristol v Orrell
Mann hooks for Bristol because Palmer has broken two fingers and Painter plays centre. Orrell prefer Halsall (wing) to ap Dafydd and play Brearley with the in-form Kimmins at lock.

Bedford v Nottingham
Orwin returns for Bedford, who play Niven at full back and Vaudin in the centre. Nottingham have Gray, their Scotland lock, available and prefer Hancock at scrum half in partnership with Sutton, his Cambridge colleague.

Blackheath v Waterloo
Parker, their leading scorer, returns at full back for Blackheath who are without Rutter (prop) but have Watson at lock. Waterloo are at strength, with Aitchison (stand-off), Peters (prop) and Hackett (hooker) available.

L'pool St H v Leicester
Liverpool move Hamer to centre and O'Driscoll plays No. 8, Aliott moving to flanker. Leicester replace Tony Underwood with Rory, his brother, and prefer Thacker (hooker) and Hopper in the front row.

Richmond v North'ton
Rydon plays in Richmond's centre with Cooper back at lock after a leg injury. Northampton play Rodber at lock but are without Packman, their leading wing; his replacement will be confirmed today.

Rosslyn P v Plymouth A
Park play Henderson and Gilchrist (hooker) in their front row and Brooks (No. 8) has recovered from an elbow injury. Plymouth play Gibbs (wing) and Davies (prop) for the injured Penfold and Hocking.

Wasps v Durham City
Wasps have Probyn available in the front row and pair Lozowski and Simms at centre. Nicholson is back to captain Durham from lock and Harmas (centre) has recovered from a damaged hamstring.

Brixham clash will be a tin hat affair

By Peter Bills

To paraphrase the children's story, if you go down to the West today you are sure to need a tin hat. Part of the intrinsic charm of the English Cup, sponsored this season by Pilkington, is the potential meeting of local rivals as well as junior and senior clubs. Brixham against Gloucester today offers a match which fulfills both criteria.

It also promises to be a tin hat affair given the rumbustious style of rugby for which both clubs are famous.

Brixham, of the South West League division two, against Gloucester, in the top three of the national first division, seems on the face of it a mismatch.

But a quiet word in the ear of the Gloucester men by Bath, their West Country rivals, should have dispelled such naivety well before the Glouchester coach arrives at the junior club's Astley Park ground tomorrow.

Bath paid a visit during the third year of their John Player Cup-winning era and received some nasty cum-uppance in the form of a 9-6 defeat.

"They were lucky to get six, too," Robert Houston, the secretary, said. "They only scored in injury time when the match was safe."

Thus even a cup victory over Gloucester might not match that feat. "I think you could say," Houston added, "that it was our best result ever. Bath had the usual sort of side out: eight internationals and numerous county players. They seemed a bit surprised afterwards."

Other chapters in the Brixham story have been less glorious. In 1984, after complaints by other clubs of rough play, Brixham were given four weeks' suspension.

But Dave Wiggins, the coach and a man qualified to inject some discipline because he used to coach the Army, took over and attempted to channel roguish ways into more constructive pursuits.

"This is now my fourth season and only two players have been sent off in that time. The problem was players were not fit enough and did not know enough about the game. Part of my brief was to sort out the discipline and that has been achieved.

"We are a robust side and the rugby here is not for the faint hearted. But there is a difference between that and foul play."

Tough it certainly is as demonstrated by events at the first scrum of a recent Devon Cup match when Brixham hooker Richard Hogan collapsed in a heap with a broken nose and severe concussion.

Wiggins feels his men have been intimidated because others, aware of Brixham's reputation, have sought to exploit it. But Gloucester are hard enough themselves not to indulge in such absurdities.

A robust, red blooded cup tie is forecast by Wiggins. They should erect the signs now: "hard hat area: to be worn at all times".

ATHLETICS

Tunstall runs to the rescue

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

It used to be the cavalry that galloped to the rescue of encircled comrades. The modern version is the former French Foreign Legionnaire, Steve Tunstall, who has been called up for the national indoor match in Glasgow today, sponsored by Dairy Crest.

Tunstall was due to run in the more familiar surroundings of muddy fields, in the inter-counties cross-country at Derby. But he was persuaded to make his indoor debut, since Adrian Passey, the British No. 1 at 3,000 metres, has a cold.

Tunstall has invigorated the British cross-country scene this winter, following his return from five years in the Legion. He has little track experience, even outdoors. But his slight, yet muscular frame could well adapt to indoor running. In the absence of the much awaited match between Linford Christie, who is injured, and Michael Rosswess in the 60 metres, Tunstall's should be the most fascinating race of the afternoon. Not that the West German opposition looks as if it is going to be too testing.

Dilys Powell, the doyenne of post-war British film criticism, once wrote that she was often so confused when asked immediately about a new film that she hid behind the anodyne response: "interesting".

The British team management yesterday described the German team as, "interesting". But the team was not so much anodyne as anonymous. Apart from Klaus-Peter Just, who once chased home Todd Bennett in the latter's European indoor 400 metres-title win in 1985, and Gaby Lesch, who won the European indoor 800 metres bronze last year, the rest are virtually unknown.

Tunstall and Colin Walker line up against Frank Bialluch and Ralf Dahmen. The rest of the visitors, only one of whom went to the Olympic Games, should not pose any great problem to either the British men or women in the match.

Christie is replaced by Ernie Obeng in the 60 metres. John Regis, another casualty in training two nights ago, is replaced by Ade Mafe, who, after four years in the athletics wilderness following the 1984 Olympic final, is training well again. He has left his former coach and joined Ron Roddan, Christie's coach.

Polytechnics select squad to open season

British Polytechnics have named a squad of 25 for next Wednesday's game against London University/United Hospitals at Motspur Park, when they begin their representative season which ends with the annual encounter with the Universities Athletic Union on March 22 (David Hands writes).

In between they play Public School Wanderers and Doshisha University, from Japan, and next Wednesday's squad includes Graham, the centre, who has played regularly for Coventry,

BRITISH POLYTECHNICS SQUAD: J Owens (South Bank), S Mullaly (Trent), S Ajayi (Central), D Kennett (Kingston), D Ridgwick (Teesside), A Wigham (Teesside), J Graham (Coventry), P Holdstock (Sheffield), C Abrahams (Polytechnic of Wales), J Campbell (Huddersfield), R Moon (Polytechnic of Wales), M de Maid (Bristol), R Taylor (Trent), A Yates (Staffordshire), D Titcombe (Bristol), R Hamblin (South Bank), K Fenton (North-East London), M Greenwood (Trent), D Edmondson (Oxford), J Gale (Portsmouth), D Fletcher (Bristol), B Addes (Bristol), T King (South Bank), G Chesterman (Kingston), T Rodber (Oxford).

Hawick have a chance to close gap at the top

By Alan Lorimer

The battle for the McEwan's National League title continues again today with Kelso, Hawick, Heriot's FP and Edinburgh Academicals all very much front runners. Kelso are ahead of Hawick and Heriot's on points differentials, the Poynder Park club having a margin of 132 points to Hawick's 56, but the Greens have a chance to close this gap in today's game against Watsonians at Mansfield Park. Hawick have named a full-strength side, including their two Scotland replacements for the Calcutta Cup match, the flanker, Derek Turnbull and the booker, Jim Hay.

In addition they have their fast centre, Nick Bannerman, back after missing last week's game against Gosforth. Hawick, whose less-demanding run-in makes them slight favourites for the title, will therefore not only want to win but win handsomely.

Watsonians have recalled their former captain, Graham Buchan, at prop and bring in Derek Small at scrum half. But with no league points and 305 points scored against them, they cannot be optimistic about causing an upset.

Kelso face West of Scotland at Burnbrae and they, too, could record a big points win over the Glasgow side who are still on the fringes of the relegation zone. If West, however, can win enough ball against the voracious Kelso pack led by the Scotland flanker, John Jeffrey, then they have the power behind the scrum to score.

In Edinburgh Boroughmuir, who slipped from the lead after achieving only a draw with Glasgow High/Kelvinside are at home to Heriot's FP. The new Scotland centre, Sean Lineen, returns to the Boroughmuir side and his presence makes a home victory the more likely result.

Edinburgh Academicals who have played one game less than the leading trio, can maintain their championship challenge with a win over Ayr at Millbrae.

Malone are poised for the league

Gibson Park, Belfast, will house one of the biggest crowds of the season today for what is virtually the Ulster Senior League section one decider between the home side Malone and Ballymena (George Ace writes).

If Malone win, they are the champions irrespective of their final game in a fortnight's time, away to Instonians. A win for Ballymena would leave them requiring a point against CTYMS next month at Eaton Park — a far from difficult task.

In section two, a win for Portadown, at home to Dungannon, would clinch promotion.

The second round of the Ulster Bank Schools Cup makes for strange reading, with Bangor Grammar School, last year's finalists, and Coleraine Academical Institution both first-round casualties, Methodist College, Belfast, the favourites, should progress to the third round at the expense of Larne Grammar School, as should city rivals Royal Belfast Academical Institution against Friends School, Lisburn.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Denver Nuggets 129, Miami Heat 108; Sacramento Kings 112, New Jersey Nets 105; Washington Bullets 128, Indiana Pacers 106; Houston Rockets 108, Los Angeles Clippers 100; Charlotte Hornets 89, Utah Jazz 88; Milwaukee Bucks 127, Portland Trail Blazers 109.
EUROPEAN CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: Men: Quarter-final round: Maccabi Tel Aviv 86, Yugoplastika Split 85; Barcelona 84, Nashua den Bosch 83; Aris Salonika 79, Scavolini Pesaro (It) 72; Limoges 78, CSKA Moscow 85. Women: Semi-finals: Levski Spartak Sofia 73, Dynamo Novosibirsk (USSR) 85; Primigi Vicenza (It) 65, Vyzsse Skoly Prague 59.
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Men: Quarter-final round: Real Madrid 96, Juventus Caserta 94.
CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Sunderland 88, Livingston 100.
COCA COLA CUP: Quarter-final: Derby City 37, Hemel and Watford Royals 43; match abandoned.

CRICKET

AUSTRALIA: Sheffield Shield: Perth: Victoria 292-5 (J Siddons 115 not out, G Watts 70) v Western Australia.
WEST INDIES: Red Stripe match: St Lucia: Leeward Islands 87-3 v Windward Islands; rain.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: West Asian zone: Group 1: Iraq 3, Oman 1. Group 3: Kuwait 2, Pakistan 0.
SANTOS: Pele Cup (for veterans): Uruguay 2, Great Britain 1; Argentina 1, Italy 0.
RUSSELL GRANT MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP: Quarter-finals: Finchley 2, Queen's Park Rangers 0.
ENGLISH SCHOOLS BMB TROPHY: Clwyd 4, Merseyside 5.

SQUASH RACKETS

AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE: Second division results: Patrick Exeter GCC bt Lingfield, 4-1; Fosters Stripes bt Tennents Rivergate, 4-1; Glenbrin Bromley bt Portsmouth, 5-0.
SCHOOLS MATCH: Lancing bt Tonbridge, 5-0.

TENNIS

LA MANGA: Remington family tournament: Father and son: Final: R and J Ranson (Yorkshire) bt J and N Adams (Essex), 7-6, 4-6, 7-5. Mother and daughter: Final: J and T Wainwright (Warwicks) bt A and C Peachey (Essex), 5-7, 7-6, 6-2.

GOLF

MELBOURNE: Australian PGA championship: Leaders after two rounds (Australian unless stated): 136: S Owen (NZ), 70, 66; M Harwood 71, 67; P Senior, 69, 69. 140: J Clifford, 71, 69; M Bradley (US), 68, 72; T Purtzer, 69, 71. 141: D Ecob, 72, 69; G Smith (Can), 69, 72; K Devlin (US), 71, 70; P McWhinney, 71, 70; R Gibney (US), 69, 72.
HARARE: Zimbabwe Open: Leading first round scores (GB unless stated): 67: D Wood, 68; M Wallberg (Swe), 70: N Godin, 71: R Drummond, S Hamill, J Morgan, D Llewellyn, 72: J Vinya, M Ingham, V Singh (Fiji), W Grand, J Casas, R Gregson, M Kramis (Swe), P Kent, A Edwards (Zim), M Roe.
ROCA NATION (Marbella): LPGA Classic (US unless stated): 68: D Germain. 69: D Mochrie, B Daniel, J Rosenthal. 70: P Rizzo, C Johnson, M Hagge, K Bauer, C Gowan, J Cole, B King. 71: S Redman, M Nause, K Tschetter, J Dickinson, S Quinlan. Leading Britons: 72: P Wright.

HOCKEY

BIRMINGHAM: Lada British clubs championship: Pool A: Southampton 8, London South 1. Pool B: Cardiff 7, Leeds 5.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bryanston 0, Clayesmore 1; King Edward's, Bath 1, Colston's 2; Wellington College 2, Hockey Association 2.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (USA): Boston Bruins 4, St Louis Blues 2; Washington Capitals 1, Philadelphia Flyers 0; New York Islanders 8, Winnipeg Jets 6; Minnesota North Stars 5, Quebec Nordiques 3; Calgary Flames 5, New York Rangers 3; Vancouver Canucks 6, Los Angeles Kings 2.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCH: Shrewsbury 24, Oswestry 3.

Naor named

Tel Aviv (Reuter) — Amit Naor was yesterday named as the fourth member of Israel's Davis Cup tennis team for the world group first round tie against France here on February 3 to 5. Israel's new non-playing captain, Shlomo Glickstein, had already named Amos Mansdorf, Gilad Bloom and Shahar Perkiss.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	O/Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	30	50	good	varied	art	fine	-12
Sunny skiing, runs to resort open							
AUSTRIA							
Brand	30	80	good	varied	good	fine	0
Sunshine and good snow cover, lovely skiing							
Kitzbuhel	20	120	good	varied	fair	sun	0
Good sunny skiing, no queues							
Obergurgl	70	75	good	varied	good	fine	2
Good sunny skiing							
Saalbach	25	80	fair	heavy	fair	fine	-6
sunny skiing, some icy patches							
FRANCE							
Isola 2000	10	15	fair	varied	worn	fine	2
Sunshine and limited skiing							
Les Arcs	25	65	good	fair	fair	fine	-10
Many bare patches and loose rocks							
Megève	15	70	icy	varied	poor	fine	0
Worn patches on lower slopes							
Tignes	30	130	fair	varied	worn	fine	-2
Glorious sunshine, good skiing on grande motte							
Val Thorens	35	55	worn	varied	worn	fine	-3
Bare patches developing on lower slopes							
SWITZERLAND							
Crans Montana	5	50	worn	varied	closed	fine	3
Good sunny skiing							
Gstaad	15	30	fair	varied	worn	fine	-3
Reasonable skiing on many slopes							
Klosters	50	100	good	varied	fair	fine	-2
Bright sun and good pistes							
St Moritz	10	15	fair	none	closed	fine	-2
Fair skiing on limited pistes							
Verbier	5	115	good	varied	closed	fine	-3
Good sunny skiing, no queues							
Wengen	10	50	fair	varied	fair	fine	-1
Fine sunny skiing							
Zermatt	10	45	fair	varied	closed	fine	0
Upper pistes still good snow							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND

There is still not enough snow for skiing at Glencoe, Glenshee and the Lecht. Forecast: There will be sunny intervals and snow showers with slight accumulations of snow at highest levels, and freezing levels around 2,000ft. However, showers will be mainly well-scattered, with few, if any, in the Lecht and Glenshee, and later in the day they will die out as cloud increases from the west. There may be some light rain or snow in Glencoe towards evening, but the freezing level will rise. Westerly winds will be strong to gale force on the higher slopes, backing southwest later. Outlook: Tomorrow will be milder and mostly cloudy in all areas, with some light rain at times, but it will become windy, with severe gale-force south-westerly winds at most levels. Little change is expected on Monday, with no prospect of snow.

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SPORTS BOOK OF THE WEEK

Birth of the Busby Babes

For Manchester United the 1953 season saw the end of one great team but the start of another, greater one. Tom Tyrrell and David Meek chart the rise of a side forever linked to Sir Matt Busby's name



Belgrade, February 5, 1958, the Busby Babes line up for their European Cup quarter-final against Red Star: (from left) Edwards, Colman, Jones, Morgans, Charlton, Viollet, Taylor, Foulkes, Gregg, Scanlon, Byrne. Within 24 hours, 12 officials and players would be dead



Spoils of success: Busby with (left) Jimmy Murphy, assistant, and Bert Whalley, coach, 1955

After winning the Football League championship in 1951-52, Matt Busby naturally kicked off the following season with his winning team, but it was soon obvious that the first great post-war side had passed its peak. Six of the first 11 matches were lost, and Busby realized he had to start drafting in new players, and making changes.

The situation did not take him altogether by surprise because he had already laid the foundations for the future.

Always in his mind had been the creation of a team based on youngsters he had taken from school and brought up in his ways. Right from the start, he had paid a lot of attention to this aspect of the club and he had taken great care to appoint the right kind of men to make a success of his plan. The result was that in addition to having Jimmy Murphy as his right-hand man, he had Joe Armstrong busy signing the best schoolboy players he could find, with Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland proving rich recruiting areas.

Then Busby had Bert Whalley as a dedicated, gifted coach, and Tom Curry as the kindly trainer. Helped by enthusiastic part-timers like Jack Pauline, they put great emphasis on grooming the youngsters. They had good material to work with, and they made sure the finished product had excellence. United dominated the game in this area, as can be seen in their FA Youth Cup record. They won the competition for five successive seasons, starting from its inception in the 1952-53 season, the year the first team started to come apart.

The result was that towards the end of that rather troubled season players such as David Pegg, Jeff Whitefoot, John Doherty, Jackie Blanchflower, Bill Foulkes, Dennis Viollet and Duncan Edwards started to get the occasional game.

Busby also went into the transfer market for Tommy Taylor. The team finished a modest eighth, but Busby knew he had talent in the making. He made his decisive move in October the following season. Busby explained: "We played a friendly at Kilmarnock and I played half-a-dozen of the youngsters. They did well and we won 3-0. Then, as I walked the golf course in the next few days, I pondered whether this was the moment to play them all in the League team. One or two had already come into the side, and I decided that I would go the whole way with the youngsters."

This meant that Edwards, Viollet and Blanchflower squeezed out three more of the veterans to give the team a more youthful look.

Most things in football have to be worked for, and the Busby Babes didn't find overnight success. They finished only fourth in that 1953-54 season, and then, with more youngsters like Albert Scanlon, Mark Jones and Billy Whelan occasionally drafted in, the best they could do in 1954-55 was fifth place.

But then everything began to click. The Busby Babes took the first division by storm in 1955-56, winning the championship by a devastating 11 points from Blackpool and with a team with an average age of barely 22. By this time, precociously talented youngsters were rolling out of the Busby academy. Eddie Colman, whose shimmy of the hips was said to send even the crowd the wrong way, had forced his way into the team, while top-class reserves like Ian Greaves and Geoff Bent were ready in case there were any injuries.

The team which played most for the 1955-56 title lined up: Wood, Foulkes, Byrne, Whitefoot (then Colman), Jones, Edwards, Berry, Blanchflower (or Doherty or Whelan), Taylor, Viollet, Pegg. Ian Greaves, Albert Scanlon and Colin Webster also played.

John Aston, who later became a chief scout at Old Trafford, was in both the 1948 Cup and 1952 League-winning teams, and was one of the men who had had to make way for youth.

"It was very disappointing for the players who had brought the championship to Old Trafford for the first time in 40 years to have to give way to new men," he says. "But we were not blind to the fact that the boss had also been busy creating a tremendously successful youth team.

"We just accepted the changes because when he said it was for the good of the club we knew that it was. For Matt Busby is an amazing man. He is kind, he is gentle, but he can also be very strong and firm. He treats everyone with respect and he in turn is greatly respected. It is this quality which enabled him to move from one successful era to another with a team that became the great Busby Babes."

Only right-winger Johnny Berry and left-back Roger Byrne bridged the four-year transition from the 1951-52 championship side to the 1955-56 championship.

Ray Wood had taken over in goal from Reg Allen by this time. He played in all but one of the 1955-56 championship games. He collected a second championship medal the following season and was the central figure in the controversy with Peter McParland in the 1957 FA Cup Final.

Just before the Munich air crash, Wood lost his place to a new signing, Harry Gregg. He recovered from the relatively minor injuries he suffered to play again, but he was forced to move on, playing for Huddersfield Town, Bradford City and Barnsley. He won three caps for England.

Roger Byrne was at left-back, but with a new partner. Bill Foulkes had dug in at right-back with the kind of dour tenacity associated with his coalmining background. His father was a miner at St Helens, and Bill was also working at the pit when he was picked up by United as an amateur with Whiston Boys Club.

Foulkes lasted a long course, playing first division football for 18 years, involving some 600 games for the club. He won just about everything in the course of his career: four championship medals, an FA Cup winner's medal, and he went on to win a 1968 European Cup medal. As a survivor of Munich, he played an important part in bridging the gap between the Babes and later teams, at one point captaining the club.

Jeff Whitefoot started the season at right-half, and indeed won a championship medal, but such was the competition for places that he was forced to concede to Eddie Colman. Whitefoot was a schoolboy international and he was only 16 when he was given his League debut in 1950. He was a brilliant, cultured wing-half, yet he played only 95 League and Cup games for United before being squeezed out by the stream of starlets coming through. He underlined his great ability by going on to play nearly 300 games for Nottingham Forest, and win an FA Cup medal with them.

There was no holding back Colman, though. "Snake Hips" played the second half of the season at right-half, striking up an uncanny understanding with Duncan Edwards at left-half. They both loved to attack, which is probably why Busby went for the rock-like steadiness of Mark Jones between them at centre-half.

Jones was a traditional "stopper", arriving as a schoolboy from Barnsley and fitting perfectly into the mould established by Allenby Chilton. Together, Colman, Jones and Edwards formed one of the finest half-back lines ever assembled. All three were to die tragically young at Munich.

Duncan Edwards is probably the player mentioned most often as the best-ever footballer to wear a Manchester United shirt. Certainly Jimmy Murphy, assistant to Sir Matt Busby until the day they both retired, has not the slightest doubt in his mind.

"When I used to hear Muhammad Ali proclaim to the world that he was the greatest, I used to smile," he says. "You see, the greatest of them all was an English footballer named Duncan Edwards.

"If I shut my eyes, I can see him now. Those pants hitched up, the wild leaps of boyish enthusiasm as he came running out of the tunnel, the tremendous power of his tackle — always fair but fearsome — the immense power on the ball. In fact, the number of times he was robbed of the ball once he had it at his feet could be counted on one hand. He was a players' player. The greatest . . . there was only one and that was Duncan Edwards."

Murphy tells the story of when he was manager of Wales and preparing a team to play against Duncan Edwards and England. He carefully went through all the England players, detailing their strengths and weaknesses. Then, at the end of his team talk, Reg Davies, the Newcastle and Welsh inside-forward, said to Murphy that he hadn't mentioned Edwards, the player probably marking him. Murphy replied: "There is nothing to say that would help us. Just keep out of his way, son."

Edwards played his first League game for United at the age of 15 years and 285 days, against Cardiff City at Old Trafford on Easter Monday 1953. During the next five years he became the youngest England international, making his debut at the age of 17 years and eight months in a 7-2 victory against Scotland at Wembley.

He won two championship medals and played 19 times for England. He would have been a natural successor as captain to Billy Wright.

"From the first time I saw him as a boy of 14," says Jimmy Murphy, "he looked like and played with the assurance of a man, with legs like tree trunks, a deep and powerful chest and an unforgettable zest for the game. He played wing-half, centre-forward, inside-forward and centre-half with the consummate ease of a great player. He was never bothered where he played. He was quite simply a soccer Colossus."

By 1955-56 the attack had also taken on a new look, and not every player had come from the youth ranks. The gap at centre-forward caused by the absence of Jack Rowley was filled by Taylor.

United were not his only admirers. Jimmy Murphy says that the last time he saw him play at Barnsley there were so many managers and club chairmen there that he thought it was an extraordinary general meeting of the Football League. Altogether 20 clubs were chasing the 21-year-old forward, and Murphy says that the biggest problem was trying to persuade him he was good enough to play for Manchester United in the first division.

"He had this mop of black hair and a perpetual smile on his face which prompted one sportswriter of the time, George Follows, to christen him "the smiling executioner". Murphy says: "He didn't really want to leave Barnsley where everyone knew him. Eventually, Matt Busby's charm won him over, and convinced him that



Edwards: fearsome and fair

"When I heard Ali I used to smile. . .You see, the greatest of them all was Duncan Edwards"
— Jimmy Murphy

if he came to Old Trafford to link up with the youngsters we had produced ourselves, the sky was the limit to his future in football."

Taylor was signed for the odd-sounding fee of £29,999 so as not to burden him with a £30,000 tag, and he was an immediate success with his penetrating stride, fierce shot and powerful heading. He crossed the Pennines in 1953 and two months after signing he won the first of 19 England caps. He played 163 League games for United, scoring 112 goals. He scored 25 of them from 33 appearances to help win the 1956 championship.

The inside-right berth was causing something of a problem, with first Jackie Blanchflower, then John Doherty and finally another exciting youngster, Billy Whelan, all sharing in the championship race. Inside-left was more settled with Dennis Viollet now a regular.

Johnny Berry was still at outside-right, while the youthful David Pegg occupied the left wing for most of the title season. Pegg was another of the successful youth team, a Busby Babe recruited at Doncaster. He was able to make only 127 League appearances in his five seasons before losing his life at Munich.

He played just once for the full England team, joining team-mates Roger Byrne, Taylor and Edwards against the Republic of Ireland. Munich was England's loss as well as Manchester United's.

United were at the forefront of the 1955-56 championship race right from the start, though it wasn't until around Christmas that the rest of the first division felt their real power. They went to the top of the table in early December when they beat Sunderland 2-1 at Old Trafford. They lost only twice in the second half of the season. They clinched the title with two games to spare by beating their closest rivals, Blackpool, 2-1. They were a goal down at half-time and it looked possible that they would suffer their first home defeat of the season, but goals from Johnny Berry, representing the old guard, and Taylor, the comparative newcomer, saw them home.

Taylor's 25 goals were backed up by 20 from Viollet and nine from Pegg. United's 11-point margin from Blackpool at the top of the table equalled the record shared in the previous century by Preston, Sunderland and Aston Villa.

All but three of the team had been nurtured as home-produced players. As Jimmy Murphy would say: "As ye sow . . . so shall ye reap."

Busby summed up: "From the very start, I had envisaged making my own players, having a kind of nursery so that they could be trained in the kind of pattern I was trying to create for Manchester United."

The League champions were now in peak form and they won the title again the following season, this time romping home eight points in front of Tottenham Hotspur. The team had settled down to read:

Wood, Foulkes, Byrne, Colman, Jones, Edwards, Berry, Whelan, Taylor, Viollet, Pegg.

There was one other notable player who began to crop up in this season, playing whenever Taylor or Viollet was injured, another home-produced starlet, Bobby Charlton. Making his debut at Charlton Athletic in October, he scored twice in a 4-2 win. Altogether that season, he made 14 League appearances, scoring 10 goals. Clearly he was a youngster with a great future.

It was a high-scoring season, with United's goals topping the ton thanks to Charlton's youthful contribution, plus 16 from Viollet, 22 from Taylor and an outstanding 26 from Billy Whelan.

Billy — or back home in Dublin, Liam — was a ball-playing inside-forward, very gifted and a surprisingly good marksman for one whose main job was to create for others. But then most of this talented team were good all-rounders and Whelan was at the peak of his powers. He had joined the club as a youngster from Home Farm, the Irish team which served United well over the years. In four seasons at Old Trafford before the crash, he played 96 League and Cup games for a total of 52 goals. He won four Republic of Ireland caps and was a player with immaculate control.

United were named as League champions by Easter. Busby rang the changes for the following match because of Cup commitments and he played seven reserves. The Football League could hardly complain because United won 2-0 with a goal from Alex Dawson on his debut and another from Colin Webster. To illustrate the club's great strength in depth, the "reserve" side, made up mostly of youth-team players, won 3-1 at Burnley on the same day. United's final points total of 64 was the highest for 26 years.

The 1956-57 season was notable not only for winning the championship for the second successive season. The Busby Babes were also flying high in the FA Cup as well as storming along in the European Cup. In the FA Cup, they went to Wembley and came within an ace of achieving the League and FA Cup double.

Matt Busby says now that when he came downstairs on the morning of the final against Aston Villa, he had never been more sure of victory before in his football life. The championship was already in the bag, and the form book pointed only one way for the winner at Wembley. But just six minutes into the match the goalkeeper, Ray Wood, was carried off the field suffering from a smashed cheekbone. Peter McParland had headed the ball into Wood's arms and it seemed a routine matter for the goalkeeper to kick it clear. But McParland, perhaps fired up for the final, kept on coming to crash into the United man.

Even allowing for the fact that in those days goalkeepers did not enjoy the kind of protection they get now from referees, it was an outrageous charge, and in 1957 there were no substitutes.

Jackie Blanchflower took over in goal and, with the rest of the defence, performed heroically to keep the game goalless at the interval. Ray Wood bravely returned to the field for spells at outside-right, but could not do much and the team's pattern had been destroyed, even though Tommy Taylor managed to score with a fine header.

At half-time, the physiotherapist, Ted Dalton, took Wood to the back of the stadium and tested him with a few shots and throwing the ball at him, but, as Busby reports: "Poor Ray saw no more than a couple out of every six balls sent to him."

McParland the villain then became Villa's hero by scoring two second-half goals for a 2-1 victory. Towards the end, Busby sent the dazed Wood back into goal in a desperate gamble to pull the game out of the fire. The players responded by giving a tantalizing glimpse of what might have been but for the injury to their goalkeeper, but Wood was really in no condition to play. It was rough, tough luck for United, and the incident helped bring in the substitute rule, but that was little consolation at the time as the dream of the double collapsed.

But the team Busby had built from the club's successful youth policy seemed destined to dominate football for many years. Such was the power of the Babes that they seemed invincible.

The young champions flew out of Manchester to face Red Star Belgrade remembering the cheers of 63,000 intoxicated football fans. United had just played Arsenal at Highbury and thrilled all those who witnessed that game with a display of the attacking football that they had made their trademark. Nine goals were scored . . . four by Arsenal, five by United.

That game, on Saturday, February 1, 1958, had typified the Busby Babes. They played with such flair and enthusiasm that they thought nothing of conceding four goals in their efforts to score five. United were trying to win the League championship for the third successive season, had already reached the fifth round of the FA Cup and held a 2-1 first-leg lead over Red Star in the quarter-finals of the European Cup. In Belgrade, United drew 3-3 to qualify for the semi-finals.

The aircraft carrying the United party back from victory crashed in the snow of Munich airport on February 6. Roger Byrne, Geoff Bent, Mark Jones, David Pegg, Liam Whelan, Eddie Colman and Tommy Taylor were killed instantly. Duncan Edwards died two weeks later. Johnny Berry and Jackie Blanchflower never played again. The Babes were no more.

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Michael Seely finds Jonjo O'Neill coming to terms with the past and facing new challenges

A fine sense of the dramatic

BARRY GREENWOOD



Rising star: Jonjo O'Neill and his Champion Hurdle challenger Vicario Di Bray step out along the road which leads to the Cheltenham festival in March

Jonjo O'Neill watched intently as five specks far below started to canter up the tussocky moss slope of the Cumbrian fell. The only sounds were the wind sighing through the roofrack of the Land Rover and the gurgling of water in a nearby beck.

"I used to force myself to come up here on foot when I had cancer," he said, "and as I got stronger day by day I realized for the first time that I was going to live."

The charismatic 36-year-old former champion jockey from Co Cork never does things by halves. His great friend and former colleague Ron Barry once observed: "If Jonjo breaks a leg, he nearly loses it; if he gets ill, it's cancer, and if he has a row with the wife, he gets divorced."

Like Bunyan's pilgrim, O'Neill has passed by Giant Despair, and as he stood on the sunlit hill his now robust health was living proof of his survival of a far from allegorical journey.

O'Neill has always been supercharged by the great occasions of racing. His power-packed finish on Dawn Run in the 1986 Cheltenham Gold Cup made the jockey a folk hero and added further to his stature as a legend of the National Hunt Festival. Similarly the emergence of Vicario Di Bray as a Champion Hurdle challenger has set the adrenalin flowing again.

"The first two years training when I had cancer and the break-up of my marriage were difficult," he said. "Let's face it, who was going to send horses to a dying man? But now it's business. I can feel it taking off, and with me in control."

At Haydock a week ago, O'Neill had the intoxication of training a big-race winner for the first time when Mark Dwyer sent Vicario Di Bray cruising past Celtic Shot. "It was amazing to see it work out and be able to say to myself, I was right.

"I loved riding. I did everything I could and I've no regrets. But now it's different. If you made a mistake then it was your problem. But training is teamwork. Mark, the staff, feeding, the work and everything. It gives you a fantastic boost."

Despite the race being run on heavy going, the form looks solid. "I can't think that it was a fluke. He's got nowhere near Sea Pigeon's speed, but he needs riding much the same way. He's better with a lead. Don't forget that it was only the sixth race of his life and he's still a big baby."

Ivy House Farm, Skelton Wood End, comprises 106 low-lying acres of pasture with a river running along the back of the house. The new-found success has created a demand for more than the existing 40 boxes, illustrated by the arrival of five more horses yesterday.

O'Neill's solution to the impending crisis was to spend Tuesday with an excavator and a concrete mixer. "I'm handy with a digger," he said, "and Ron Barry promised he'd have the boxes up by Thursday night."

Cumbria has been O'Neill's home since his arrival from Cork in 1972. From here he landed his two jockeys' championships and achieved his famous victories on Sea Pigeon, Alverton, Night Nurse, Ekbalco and Dawn Run. He bought his present home in 1981, the year after an horrific fall at Bangor almost ended his riding career.

It was here he put up his successful fight against cancer in 1986 and faced up to the separation from his wife, Sheila, two years later. Of their three children, Louise, aged nine, and four-year-old Tom live with their mother in Penrith. Gillian, now six, shares her father's life on the farm.

"I didn't like it here for a few months. After the marriage broke up there was a reaction and I was lonely. But I am over all that and it doesn't bother me any more."

The trainer is up and running again, the yard suddenly full of a new-found confidence. "It's just like when I was riding. You need a good horse to get you going. It's good for business and there's no finer shop window."

As a jockey O'Neill was brave to the point of recklessness. "I had a lot of bad falls and sometimes I was asking for it. But when I saw a gap, I had to take it. That's what wins and loses the game. The 'no mercy' style, that's what it's about."

Training gives him a similar thrill. "When you see the right race, you've got to go for it. You ride a horse in his work and you suddenly get a feeling about what he needs."

Surprisingly, the lure of the Flat beckons strongly to the former hero of the winter game. "I get very excited about these good horses. I would love to edge towards the Flat. Speed is what it's about, which horse can go the faster. I admired Dawn Run tremendously but Sea Pigeon was more exciting. He was sheer class. Winning the Ebor was a fantastic thrill, even though I got so knackered that I dropped my hands too soon."

O'Neill's disarmingly innocent and cheerful exterior has always concealed a shrewd man of affairs. "I couldn't possibly afford to move the way things are, with the difference in prices between the north and the south. But the chance might come. Mind you, it would have to be the right opportunity. I might not be that easy to please."

His boldness has always been breathtaking. "I was top jockey and now I want to be champion trainer. Don't forget how Vincent O'Brien started before moving to the Flat. But I'd always want to keep a few old jumpers. I love them so much."

The child had always been father to the man, and the seeds of O'Neill's toughness and independence were sown during his patriarchal upbringing in Ireland. "There were four boys and we were a close-knit family. Dad was strict, but fair. He helped get me my first pony. But there was no messing with him."

Sally, the first pony, cost £27 "and two bob for luck". At the age of two, and only 13 hands high, she was hunted with the Duhallow by an 11-year-old O'Neill weighing just five stone. "Anything I faced her with, she went for, no matter how high. If she was faced with a river in flood she'd swim it."

Of his contemporaries as a jockey O'Neill admired both John Francome and Peter Scudamore. "Peter's like me. He's made himself into a top man by sheer hard work. But Francome was a natural genius, so gifted. I don't know what makes him tick. He must get fed up at times everything come so easily to him."

But above all he respected Lester Piggott. "I remember him winning over one and a quarter miles at York on Commanche Run by kicking and stretching his rivals. It was sheer artistry. That's the way it should be."

Despite the bravado that is his hallmark, O'Neill is a humble and God-fearing man. He loves his fellow human beings and admires their resilience of spirit.

About chemotherapy treatment he said: "Until you've had it you don't know what you are talking about. It tears some people apart, but others it doesn't bother. I've seen little old ladies come in and I'd think 'Jesus, she'll never walk out of here alive'. A few hours later, she puts on her hat and coat, picks up her handbag and goes busybodying down the corridor. Jesus, I'd think, I must be soft."

And so with horses. Night Nurse and Dawn Run became household names synonymous with gallantry and courage. But it is Alverton, killed at Becher's Brook in the 1979 Grand National after winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup the previous month, for whom O'Neill holds a special affection. "He had terrible legs and had broken down so often. But everything you asked him, he answered. At the last fence in the Gold Cup, he had no right to come up from where he did. He took off a length and a half away and put Tied Cottage on the floor."

O'Neill's popularity is unquestioned. Fifteen thousand people flocked to his open day for the Jonjo O'Neill Cancer Research Fund in 1987. "We just had to give up, there were so many. In the end people just drove by throwing fivers and tenners into a blanket."

His philosophy is simple. "You've just got to keep going down the road and avoid all the gates leading off it. But if you keep reasonably straight, you've got a chance of getting there."

Festival choice for Sherwood's talented novice

Cruising Altitude, rated by Oliver Sherwood the best horse he has trained, retained his unbeaten record this season with a sparkling performance in the Rossington Main Novices' Hurdle at Doncaster yesterday.

The 5-4 favourite jumped to the front at the penultimate flight and lengthened his stride to gallop seven lengths clear of Greenhills Joy with market rival Antinous eight lengths away third.

"I would like to give him one more run before Cheltenham but I still haven't made up my mind which of the two novice hurdles to go for," Sherwood said.

"He goes on any ground and has a lot of speed. If it was a bog at Cheltenham then he would go for the two-miler, but on good ground probably the longer race."

The Lambourn trainer pointed out that Cruising Altitude was bought in an attempt to complete a treble in the 2½-mile Sun Alliance Hurdle, which he won last year with Rebel Song and the previous season with The West Awake. They, too, are owned by Mrs Christopher Heath and John Bolsover.

Sherwood added that he had not completely written off The West Awake, winner of the Sun Alliance Chase at the festival last year, as a Cheltenham participant.

"He would have to be 140 per cent fit with two races under his belt to go for the Gold Cup but he could go for something like the Ritz Club National Hunt Chase. He has had a splint since December and would have to have a fortnight on the roads before going back into training," he said.

Simon Sherwood dislocated his thumb while winning on Cruising Altitude and, although it quickly went back into place, he decided to forgo his later ride on Giolla Padraig, who finished third to Aughavogue in the Barnby Moor Handicap Chase.

Aughavogue, revelling in the fast going, jumped splendidly to beat the favourite, Matric, by eight lengths, a fine leap at the last deciding the issue in favour of John Edwards's charge.

First-season trainer John Costello, paying his first visit to the course, saddled Nick The Brief to land odds of 11-2 laid on him by 25 lengths in a three-horse race for the Balby Novices' Chase.

It was the fifth successive win for John Upson's gelding, whose Northamptonshire trainer would like to find another race for him before going to Cheltenham for the Sun Alliance Chase.

Leszko Le Noir started 5-2 on for the Selby Selling Hurdle but the Nigel Tinkler-trained chestnut was in trouble going into the turn for home and Graham McCourt pulled him up lame.

Victory went to the Newmarket challenger. Cayman Queen, who was pulling hard all the way. Steve Smith Eccles let her go to the front at halfway and, although she was beginning to tie up nearing the post, she got home by three lengths from Stanford Boy to give Mark Tompkins his sixth training success of the season.

Tompkins, who will have his biggest string of 70 for the Flat this year, has never enjoyed such a successful campaign at the winter game but missed this victory as he is on holiday in Mauritius.

Thomson Jones off the mark

Tim Thomson Jones, the champion amateur rider, saddled his first winner as a trainer when Pukka Major won the Craftsman Handicap Chase at Wincanton yesterday.

Thomson Jones, who had his last winning ride on Pukka Major, said that his new role is much worse than riding. "It's terrible. Standing in the stands is the bit I don't like — I can't look."

The trainer has a string of 16 at Lambourn — nine juveniles and five older horses for the Flat, and just two jumpers.

Southern Minstrel lands big Ayr prize

Southern Minstrel, outsider of three in the absence of Phoenix Gold, landed the £10,000 West of Scotland Pattern Novices' Chase in the hands of Alan Merrigan at Ayr yesterday.

Trained at Bishop Auckland by Arthur Stephenson, the 7-2 chance beat odds-on favourite Nos Na Gaoithe by six lengths with Cool Strike 20 lengths back in third.

Stephenson, who was at Doncaster, said: "Southern Minstrel is a very nice horse and I will keep him to similar races at the moment."

Phoenix Gold was taken out of the race by Tim Fitzgerald because of the combination of gusting wind and very testing ground and will now run in the Nottinghamshire Novices Chase next month, a race the stable won with Danish Flight last year.

Jonjo O'Neill saddled his eighteenth success of the season when Miss Lamb hacked up in the second division of the Barr Novices' Hurdle. Miss Lamb, making her debut over hurdles, made all the running to win by seven lengths.

Buckskin's Best doubt

Buckskin's Best, a leading contender for the Tote Jackpot Hurdle at Sandown next Saturday, may miss the race.

After saddling Mount Oliver to win the opening race at Wincanton yesterday, trainer Robin Dickin said: "Buckskin's Best looks well handicapped but is lame at the moment with pus in his foot. There is still a chance he'll be at Sandown but I just want to be fair to the public."

Martin Jones rode an excellent race to get Mount Oliver home by a neck from Balito in the Corton Denham Conditional Jockeys Handicap Chase.

Mount Oliver lost ground on the bends and at the fences but Jones still had the favourite in contention at the final fence where he jumped ahead and then hung on after a protracted duel.

Sean Fox, aged 17, rode his first winner on Tory Hill Lad, trained by his father, Jimmy, in the Painters Selling Handicap Hurdle. The Amesbury trainer's son only received his licence to ride against senior jockeys on Thursday.

Hetherton has ready-made title hope

By Christopher Goulding

James Hetherton, barely two weeks after being granted a licence, is already in the enviable position of having a Champion Hurdle contender in his care.

Hetherton, aged 30, will be preparing Past Glories for the hurdling title and the six-year-old will be his first runner in the Morebattle Hurdle at Kelso on February 24.

"You could certainly say I am in a very privileged and lucky position," said Hetherton. "I have taken over Past Glories, who is owned and was bred by my father, Noel, from Bill Elsey."

Last year Past Glories finished ninth in the Champion Hurdle and went on to win the Welsh Champion Hurdle and the Swinton Insurance Trophy.

"I think he is very good value at 25-1 for the Champion," Hetherton said. "Unlike last year, when he had just one run before Cheltenham, we want to get two outings into him before the big race.

"He is very well and has recovered from his recent lameness, which I think was due to his shoes being too tight. Patrick Farrell, who rode him last season, comes over four times a week to ride him out."

Hetherton is training at Highfield stables, near Malton, alongside Bill Elsey and his son, Charles, who has also recently taken out a licence. "I have 42 of Bill Elsey's boxes. There is plenty of room here for the three of us as there are more than 200 acres of gallops."

Hetherton's association with the Elsey stable began when his grandfather, John, had horses with Captain Charles Elsey. "He had over 200 winners and was the first person to fly racehorses, sending one down to Folkestone from Yorkshire in 1947. It finished second. My father has had over 50 winners with Bill Elsey."

Hetherton has done the usual rounds, learning about the training profession as an assistant and working on studs. "I worked at Mr Wickham-Boynton's Burton Agnes Stud and spent a season as an assistant trainer with Henry Candy. After that I went to Canada and worked for Jim Day, the champion trainer."

Hetherton's curriculum vitae also includes a stint as a supermarket manager. "That, funnily enough, was very good experience. It certainly sharpened you up and kept you on your toes with two big stores either side."

Tradition abounds in racing and if Hetherton and his young neighbour can follow there illustrious predecessors at Highfield — where eight classic winners have been trained and where Charles Elsey became the last leading northern Flat trainer in 1956 — they will go a long way.

Neale Doughty confirmed yesterday that he will be renewing his partnership with Swingit Gunner, the other hope of the north for the Champion Hurdle.

"I ride him on Wednesday at Hereford in the Fred Rimell Hurdle," Doughty said. "Last year I thought I was going to win the Champion Hurdle on him. At the second last there was nothing travelling better until he tied up at the last because he had pulled some muscles in his back."

The Colin Tinkler-trained gelding, who finished sixth to Celtic Shot, has recovered from an operation for arthritic knees and is working well at home. "There is a big race in this horse," said Doughty. "I just hope it will be at Cheltenham."

Granville Hotel should retain unbeaten record

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

In recent months many of the most promising Irish jumping prospects have been snapped up by English trainers but one to get through the net was Granville Hotel.

Kept at home by Michael Morris after he had bought him for Ir£100,000, Morris in turn passed him on to one of his patrons, Roy Strudwick, the joint master of the Kilkenny foxhounds.

At Naas this afternoon, Granville Hotel carries his new colours for the first time in the Irish Racing Writers Perpetual Trophy Hurdle.

To date, the five-year-old is unbeaten in two hurdle events, winning a maiden over this course in November before defying a penalty at Punchestown two weeks later. On each occasion he was not extended against smart novice opposition and he has to be rated among the best of this season's crop.

Michael Morris warns, however, that there has been coughing in his yard since Granville Hotel joined him and while he believes it is now clear, he has not given Granville Hotel a particularly thorough preparation for this race. "I want him right for just one race," Morris said, "and that's the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham in March.

Nonetheless, I still expect Granville Hotel to retain his unbeaten record today, although Vixen Run, with an 8lb allowance for a three-length beating at Punchestown, looks likely to stretch him here.

At a joint meeting of the Turf Club and the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee held at the Curragh yesterday, the existing rules governing dope tests in Ireland were modified. For the first time here the stewards have decided to introduce threshold levels.

Results from three meetings

Doncaster

Going: good to firm

1.30 (2m 150yd ch) 1. HENRY GEARY STEELS (M Lynch, 11-8 fav); 2. Solnail (J Tuite, 2-1); 3. Western Revival (T Reed, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Stayhar Gold (4th). 4 ran. 10l, 12l, dist. R Champion at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.21.

2.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1. CAYMAN QUEEN (S Smith Eccles, 5-2); 2. Stanford Boy (R Garritty, 40-1); 3. Media Star (T P White, 100-1). ALSO RAN: 2-5 fav Leszko Le Noir (pu) 33 Emlyn Rose (4th), 50 Upwell (5th). 6 ran. 3l, 10l, 12l, 15l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £3.90; £1.20, £3.60. DF: £13.20. CSF: £46.29. No bid.

2.30 (2m 150yd hdle) 1. CRUISING ALTITUDE (S Sherwood, 5-4 fav); 2. Greenhills Joy (G McCourt, 7-1); 3. Antinous (R Marley, 11-8). ALSO RAN: 25 Fast Record (4th), Silk Thread (5th). 5 ran. 7l, 8l, 6l, 1l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £2.70. DF: £3.60. CSF: £8.56.

3.0 (3m 122yd ch) 1. NICK THE BRIEF (Mr T Costello, 2-11 fav); 2. Gadbrook (B Dowling, 11-2); 3. Lion Hill (K Doolan, 40-1). 3 ran. 25l, dist. J Costello at Adstone. Tote: £1.20. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.31.

3.30 (2m 4f ch) 1. AUGHAVOGUE (T Morgan, 5-2); 2. Matric (M Brennan, 9-4 fav); 3. Giolla Padraig (Mr T Costello, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 4 Repington (4th). 4 ran. 8l, 10l, dist. J Edwards at Ross-on-Wye. Tote: £3.30. DF: £2.40. CSF: £7.45.

4.0 (2m 150yd hdle) 1. SKY CAT (R Garritty, 2-1 fav); 2. Red Timber (H Bridgewater, 8-1); 3. Pytchley Prince (Gary Lyons, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Court Ruler (4th), Lord De Montfort, 12 Taffy Jones (6th), Bondaid (5th), 66 Fandango Kiss. 8 ran. hd, 6l, sh hd, 8l, 2½l. M H Easterby, Great Habton. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £13.50. CSF: £18.15. Tricast: £87.57.

Placepot: £50.80.

Ayr

Going: soft

1.30 (2m hdle) 1. BANTEL BUCCANEER (B Storey, 2-1 jt-fav); 2. Mereasheen (M Dwyer, 5-2); 3. Call For Taylor (J K Kinane, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 2 jt-fav French Gondolier (4th), 8 Battle Sting (pu), 25 Pelumica (5th), 100 Sweet Eire (pu). 7 ran. 10l, 30l, 50l, 15l. Miss M Bell at Hawick. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £2.70. DF: £5.30. CSF: £10.01.

2.0 (2m hdle) 1. IZADYAR (M Dwyer, 4-5 fav); 2. Dearicum (D Wilkinson, 11-10). 2 ran. 2l. G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £1.40. Sold to J Ratter for 3,800gns.

2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1. SOUTHERN MINSTREL (A Merrigan, 7-2); 2. Nos Na Gaoithe (L Wyer, 10-11 fav); 3. Cool Strike (B Storey, 9-4). 3 ran. NR: Phoenix Gold. 6l, 20l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £3.50; DF: £1.80.

3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1. RANDOMLY (M Meagher, 6-4); 2. Allen Glessed (L Wyer, 7-1); 3. Joint Sovereignty (M Dwyer, 5-6 fav). 3 ran. 3l, 15l. C Bell at Castleford. Tote: £2.70. DF: £2.90. CSF: £7.07.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1. MISS LAMB (M Dwyer, Evens fav); 2. Farnworth (J Callaghan, 7-2); 3. Equator (N Doughty, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Khanif (4th), 25 Roman Road (5th). 5 ran. 7l, 8l, 4l, 12l. J J O'Neill at Penrith. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £1.20. DF: £3.10. CSF: £4.65.

4.0 (2m hdle) 1. PENDLEY GOLD (L Wyer, 13-2); 2. Lotus Island (D Sullivan, 11-4); 3. Boy Palster (Ger Lyons, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Pit Pony (5th), 20 Hal's Guard (4th). 5 ran. 1½l, 15l, 3l, 5l. M Naughton at Richmond. Tote: £9.20; £3.90, £1.30. DF: £5.10. CSF: £20.83.

Placepot: £749.20.

Wincanton

Going: good

1.45 (3m 1f ch) 1. MOUNT OLIVER (M Jones, 7-4 fav); 2. Balito (W Irvine, 9-1); 3. Flying-X-Ray (G Morgan, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Dr Pepper (8th), 7 Ogendeba (4th), 10 Kimswe (5th), 50 Foxbury (pu), Crash Call, Kuwait Star (ur). 9 ran. Nk, 25l, 4l, 10l, 2½l. R Dickin at Newent. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £1.20, £2.90. DF: £8.10. CSF: £14.96. Tricast: £136.37.

2.15 (2m hdle) 1. TORY HILL LAD (S Fox, 16-1); 2. Flaming Pearl (R Goldstein, 9-1); 3. Aconitum (R Dunwoody, 11-2); 4. Shelly's Folly (C Mowen, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Glen Road (5th), 5 Sit In The Dark, 8 Bidston Mill (6th), 10 Pharoah's Treasure, Sandcliffe Again, Indian Sunrise (f), 16 Zabarucci, More Glory (pu), 20 Brickley Ranger, Tiarum, 33 Boyne Salmon, 50 Ribble Star, Master Martin. 17 ran. NR: Taffys Pride. 3l, 2l, 3l, 1l, 15l, J Fox at Amesbury. Tote: £27.80; £5.10, £2.90, £1.40, £4.30. DF: £133.60. CSF: £156.36. Tricast: £838.93. Bought in 1,700gns.

2.45 (2m ch) 1. PUKKA MAJOR (P Scudamore, 11-2); 2. Hypnosis (G Bradley, 2-1 fav); 3. Hi High (T Lawrance, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Soulful Strut (4th), 5 Pantechnicon (5th), 11 Rhoecus (pu), 12 Charcoal Wally (pu), 20 Sendicks (6th). 8 ran. 4l, 15l, 1½l, 15l, 5l. T Thomson Jones at Lambourn. Tote: £8.40; £2.10, £1.30, £2.20. DF: £9.30. CSF: £16.41. Tricast: £106.49.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1. LOBRIC (R Dunwoody, 5-1); 2. Hertondale (N Coleman, 25-1); 3. Kings Rank (P Scudamore, 8-11 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Lopski (f), 12 Occamist (5th), 16 Sample (4th), 25 Glen Oak, 33 Taimaruk, St Louis Blues, 50 Lover's Secret (f), 66 Toad Along, Afafoun (6th), Ala Amrik (pu), Colne Valley Kid (pu), Hereward, Oxbridge. 16 ran. 5l, 1l, 6l, 10l, 1½l. J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £6.40; £1.70, £8.60, £1.40. DF: £55.70. CSF: £109.89.

3.45 (2m 5f ch) 1. ROYAL GURKHA (J Frost, 13-2); 2. Handy Lane (N Hawke, 20-1); 3. En Gouraal Thaer (R Millman, 20-1). 4. Air Broker (G Landau, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav The Leggett, 6 Roscoe Harvey (f), Mister Boot, 7 Gulburn's Nephew (5th), 9 Jolly Mariner (pu), 14 Sea Flower, 25 Paddy's Dream (ref), Dunarunna (6th), 33 Last Extravagance, The Brichin (ur), 50 Vi's Deal, Thames Trader, Floating Lover (pu), Dartcan, Cloud Chaser, Admirable Crichton (ur). 20 ran. 4l, 1½l, 7l, 20l, dist. R Frost at Buckfastleigh. Tote: £5.70; £1.80, £5.70, £7.00, £1.90. DF: £57.90. CSF: £121.97. Tricast: £2,250.72.

4.15 (2m 6f hdle) 1. ON HIS OWN (D Skyrme, 10-1); 2. Lapiaffe (A Mulholland, 5-2 fav); 3. Evergreen Melody (W McFarland, 50-1); 4. Fell Climb (Mr E Bailey, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Durbo, 9 Golden Lantern, 11 Uncle Raggy, 12 R Lad, 14 Corston Springs, Henryana, 16 Lough Road (5th), Highland Son, Frans Girl, Little Serenity (6th), Rare Bid, 20 Josis Smith, 25 Fairytale Ending, 50 Kencho, Calamity Joe, Kingsbridge Flyer, Littlecote Lad (pu). 21 ran. NR: Faialde, The Skirrid. ¾l, ½l, 1l, 6l, 2½l. N Mitchell at Dorchester. Tote: £11.90; £2.10, £1.80, £14.80, £1.80. DF: £20.90. CSF: £39.73. Tricast: £1,227.76. After a stewards' inquiry the placings stand.

Placepot: £43.10.

Racing next week

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A series of weekly reports on Britain's racecourses
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THE GOOD RACECOURSE GUIDE

Folkestone is the least smart of the three racecourses managed by Pratt & Co, the others being Plumpton (three caps) and Fontwell Park (four). If horse racing in Britain were in decline, Folkestone's Tattersalls stand would be its crowning symbol. It is practically derelict.

Racegoers are not encouraged to mount the wooden staircase at the rear of the stand. Reporters have no choice. The steps lead, eventually, to the press room, having wound past the entrance to abandoned first-floor rooms.

Among the features of this gloomy warren is a rarely-used gents' loo equipped with monumental porcelain thrones, by Wizard Ltd, and a lone washbasin, horribly stained. Dust cloaks everything and nuggets of rat poison litter the beams.

The darkest chamber of all is the disused women's changing room. It has a low ceiling and a number of missing floorboards. Some cheap furniture huddles beneath a sheet. Gee Armytage once changed here and never had to prove her courage in any other way.

The whole building would already have been demolished but for the Channel Tunnel. British Rail has drawn up four possible routes for the high-speed link to London, none of which would actually cross the racecourse. However, the track could be swallowed up by a proposed marshalling yard and against this background, the Folkestone Racecourse plc shareholders have been reluctant to throw away money on a new stand.

Kent County Council has advised BR that none of its options is acceptable, so Folkestone is safe for the forseeable future. As a result the Folkestone board has taken a risk and commissioned a new stand which will cost £1.6 million. Building begins in May.

The architects' drawing looks fabulous, if somewhat out of keeping with the rest of the facilities. Apart from the weighing room, Folkestone is a collection of shacks, ancient and modern. The Tote Credit building, the Barry Cope stall, the Paddock Bar: all are huts of one sort or another.

In winter, they look rather dowdy. In summer, the trees disguise the worst eye-sores and, the management is committed to improving things. SIS revenue will hasten the process.

Since the closure of Wye in 1974, Folkestone has been Kent's only racecourse. It is situated seven miles west of the town, lying conveniently near BR's Charing Cross-Dover line. The tiny station of Westenhanger adjoins the course.

Undulating in nature and sometimes surrounded by sheep, Folkestone has never aspired to greatness. Its summer fixtures are a stage for some of the slowest horses in training. But air is always bracing and, despite the lack of equine champions, Pat Eddery's name is often in the number-board.

The crowd do not take matters too seriously. There is an ornamental pond next to the paddock, colonized by frogs. Once when the racing was particularly boring, a group of racegoers started betting on how far the frogs could jump.

National Hunt meetings are more exciting, though frogs would be up to winning some of the novice chases. The professional tipster, Marten Julian, devised a winning system some time ago. He noticed that jockeys tended to give the leader too much rope on the far side and consequently mistime their challenges. Most jockeys, he believes, still have not grasped this, which makes front-runners at Folkestone worth following.

Photo-finishes confuse everyone. The winning line is at a pronounced angle, favouring horses on the stands side. Josh Gifford's massive hurdler, Kruggeran Smuggler, appeared to have been beaten by a good neck on December 20, but to the amazement of his trainer, the photo revealed that he had won by a short head. The jockey on the runner-up looked dumbfounded.

So, wins at Folkestone should not be celebrated prematurely. But this is impossible anyway because of the queues at the bar. The caterers, Letheby & Christopher, must be very disillusioned with this column by now. The feeling is mutual. There was only one barman serving drinks in the Paddock Bar on the day 'Kruggeran' performed his act of burglary.

Lethebys say it is unnecessary to engage more staff because people are drinking less. They blame the breathalyser but an equally plausible explanation is the extreme difficulty of getting served.

While on the subject of liquor, it is very mean, given the National Hunt fraternity's addiction to whisky, to offer only one brand, namely Long John, and charge 90p a tot for it. Can you imagine what they would make of this at Kelso? Well, there would be a riot.

ALL THE DETAILS

ROAD TRAVEL: The racecourse is next to the A20 near Ashford. Leave the M20 at junction 11 and follow the signs.

RAIL TRAVEL: Westenhanger station, on the Charing Cross-Dover line, adjoins the course. Trains leave Charing Cross at 10.30 and 10.56, arriving at 11.54 and 12.06.

ADMISSION: Club £8, Tattersalls £5.50, Course £2. Accompanied children under 16 are admitted free to Tattersalls and Course. Annual membership £70.

PARKING: Free.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS: None.

HOSPITALITY: The new Tattersalls stand will include private boxes. Restaurant reservations can be made on 0273 602987.

INQUIRIES: Pratt & Co., 11 Boltro Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex RH16 1BP. Tel: 0444 441111.

BIG-RACE DATES: None.

Rating

One jockey's cap denotes Awful; two, Bearable; three, Average; four, Very good; five, Excellent.

Martin Trew
of Racing Post

Rusch De Farges has right blend

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

With £30,000 added to the sweepstakes at Cheltenham, the Arlington Premier Series Chase Final is the day's most valuable race. And, even though there are only four runners, a fascinating spectacle is in prospect.

For any one of the quartet could emerge victorious, even that enigmatic character Private Views, whose fine record on the course includes the Cathcart Challenge Cup over the distance during the National Hunt Festival last March.

Unfortunately Private Views has cocked his jaw and run out in both his races this season: the first at Lingfield, which is a left-handed course; next time at Ascot which goes the other way. Suffice to say, Private Views has the ability if the mood suits.

Rusch De Farges, from Martin Pipe's all-conquering stable, is the selection, even though horses of the calibre of Barnbrook Again and Golden Freeze have also stood their ground.

Having jumped successfully around Haydock since his arrival from France, where he won three chases last season, Rusch De Farges should also be able to cope with the Cheltenham fences.

It is my contention that that blend of speed and stamina that he so clearly possesses will enable him to first outstay Barnbrook Again and then outpace Golden Freeze whose chance of winning a race of this importance was hardly helped earlier this week when a corn had to be cut out of one of his feet.

At the start of the programme, Enemy Action can trigger off a double for Pipe and Peter Scudamore by maintaining his unbeaten record in the Food Broker Finesse Four-Year-Old Hurdle. With Highland Bud, Propero and Freestone also standing their ground, this looks a good dress rehearsal for the Triumph itself.

While conceding that the others are all more than useful, it is even harder to pick holes in Enemy Action's record especially since he has a victory over today's course and distance to his credit already.

In the surprising absence of Bonanza Boy, the way now looks clear for **Ballyhane** to win the Charterhouse Mercantile Chase and thus pave the way for a treble for Josh Gifford and Richard Rowe, who can collect later with Green Willow (3.0) and Paddyboro (3.35).

Ballyhane clearly has the beating of Baies on these terms. For when he was beaten 2½ lengths by that horse on his seasonal debut at Sandown, Ballyhane was endeavouring to give him 16lb. Now the difference is only 4lb.

The withdrawal of Sabin Du Loir from the Bishops Cleeve Hurdle has left the way clear for that exciting novice Green Willow, who can underline his chance of winning the Sun Alliance Hurdle on the course in March by beating the consistent Calapaez here.

Golden Freeze, who runs at Cheltenham today, has been backed at 10,000-1 to win the next six runnings of the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

A Dutch client of William Hill struck £75 worth of bets at their Torbay branch and stands to collect a total of £151,815 if Golden Freeze wins all six.

Hills offered 20-1 against the horse winning any two of the next six Gold Cups, 100-1 against three, 500-1 four and 2,000-1 five.

If the handicapper is to be believed, **Elfast** has only Run For Free and Lots Of Luck to fear in the Winchcombe Novices' Handicap Hurdle because all the other runners must carry 10 stone and thus considerably more than they would if only they could race off their official rating.

On the subject of ratings, **Roll-A-Joint** will never have a better chance of winning a race like the William Hill Golden Spurs Handicap Chase at Doncaster and he is napped.

Not only is he exempt a penalty for winning that race confined to conditional jockeys at Kempton eight days ago, he is also racing off a 2lb lower mark than the one that he will have in future according to the updated ratings published in this week's *Racing Calendar*.

Bishopdale, another recent winner, also figures on a handy mark but Roll-A-Joint is the safer jumper. And the form of Roll-A-Joint's Chepstow win would have looked even better if Cool Ground, the horse that he beat, had then won at Warwick last Saturday. In my opinion, he should have done.

If John Edwards fails to win the main race on Town Moor for the second year in succession with either Proverity or Dinny Walsh, he will at least be happy to capture the Mansion House Handicap Chase for his new owner Pam Sykes with Itsgottabealright, who was such a creditable second to Banbridge at Kempton when he made his seasonable debut there last week.

Otherwise it could easily pay to follow Susan Bramall's pair, **Castlevennon** (3.20) and **Shilgrove Place** (3.50), as they endeavour to give her another double.

At Ayr, **Mercy Less** is fancied to beat Polar Nomad in the County of Ayr Handicap Chase now that he will be meeting him on 16lb better terms compared with when they clashed last at Newcastle, where there was only five lengths between them.

Finally, **Kodiak Island** can keep Oliver Sherwood's principal owners, Christopher and Maggie Heath, in a happy frame of mind following Cruising Altitude's victory at Doncaster yesterday, by winning the Bet With The Tote Novices' Chase Qualifier at Folkestone.

Aintree post confirmed

John Parrett's appointment as Aintree's clerk of the course was yesterday confirmed by the Jockey Club. The move follows his appointment as managing director of the Aintree Racecourse Company, announced in October.



Josh Gifford's outstanding prospect Green Willow, who puts his unbeaten record this season on the line when he tackles listed company in the Bishops Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham (3.0)

CHELTENHAM

Selections
By Mandarin

1.15 Enemy Action.
1.50 Ballyhane.
2.25 Rusch De Farges.
3.00 Green Willow.
3.35 Paddyboro.
4.10 Elfast.

By Michael Seely
1.50 Ballyhane. 2.25 **RUSCH DE FARGES** (nap). 3.00 Green Willow.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.50 **BALLYHANE**.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good

1.15 FOOD BROKERS FINESSE HURDLE (Feature race: 4-Y-O: £6,494: 2m) (6 runners) BBC 1

101 111 ENEMY ACTION 32 (CD,G,S) (N Wellington) M Pipe 11-7 .... P Scudamore ● 99
102 21 FREESTONE 15 (F) (R Tooth) N Henderson 11-3 .... J Osborne 80
103 1 HIGHLAND BUD 29 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Nicholson 11-3 .... R Dunwoody 81
104 4 GENUINE GIFT 14 (Lady Cooper) C Brooks 11-0 .... B de Haan —
105 1053 NAHAR 10 (D,G) (R Cross) S Dow 11-0 .... S Sherwood 70
106 11 PROPERO 12 (G,S) (Mrs S Willis) J Gifford 11-0 .... R Rowe 93

BETTING: 10-11 Highland Bud, 7-4 Enemy Action, 6-1 Propero, 12-1 Freestone, 16-1 others.
1988: JASON'S QUEST 4-11-0 M Williams (16-1) J Baker 9 ran

FORM ENEMY ACTION has registered three wins in good style this season. Last time out he beat subsequent winner Magnus Pym 12l at Chepstow (2m, soft). A confirmed front runner who will ensure a fast pace.
FREESTONE reverts to 2m after being pushed clear to beat Es-Port 1½l at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm).
HIGHLAND BUD made a winning hurdling debut when driven out to beat Victory Gate 10l at Newbury (2m 100yd, good to firm). However faces a sterner test here.
PROPERO won with something in hand when beating St Athens Lad 5l at Fontwell (2m 2f, good to soft). Earlier beat Vayrua, an impressive winner since, 3l over the same course and distance (good).
Selection: ENEMY ACTION

1.50 CHARTERHOUSE MERCANTILE CHASE (Listed race: £8,731: 3m 1f) (4 runners) BBC 1

201 2121-21 BALLYHANE 42 (CD,F,G,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 8-11-12 .... R Rowe ● 99
202 51-FP11 BAIES 29 (F,G,S) (Mrs B Samuel) C Brooks 7-11-8 .... P Scudamore 90
203 F-134U1 STEEPLE VIEW 7 (G) (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 8-11-6 .... S Sherwood 83
204 0123-41 DEEP MOMENT 47 (C,S) (Mrs M Curtis) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-3 .... D Browne 70

BETTING: 11-10 Ballyhane, 15-8 Baies, 5-1 Steeple View, 7-1 Deep Moment.
1988: CAVVIES CLOWN 8-11-12 G Bradley (5-4) D Elsworth 3 ran

FORM BALLYHANE beat Sun Rising a neck at Ascot (3m, good to firm) last time. After going clear turning into the straight, but jumped the last slowly and needed to be ridden out.
BAIES beat BALLYHANE, making his seasonal debut, (12lb better off) 2½l at Sandown (3m 118yd, good) in December. Made mistakes when driven out to beat The Argonaut 2½l at Newbury (3m, good to firm) last time.
STEEPLE VIEW responded well when beating Ghofar ¾l at Kempton (3m, good) last week. DEEP MOMENT led in the closing stages when beating Fuego Boy a neck at Warwick (2m, good to soft).
Selection: BALLYHANE

2.25 ARLINGTON PREMIER SERIES CHASE (Final: £20,565: 2m 4f) (4 runners) BBC 1

301 1123-11 BARNBROOK AGAIN 64 (C,D,F,G,S) (M Davies) D Elsworth 8-11-7 .... S Sherwood ● 99
302 14-P111 GOLDEN FREEZE 21 (D,G,S) (A Nadir) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-7 .... M Pitman 97
303 1211-RR PRIVATE VIEWS 42 (CD,F,G,S) (D Stoddart) N Gaselee 8-11-7 .... K Mooney 86
304 001F11 RUSCH DE FARGES 18 (D,S) (F Farrant) M Pipe 6-11-7 .... P Scudamore 94

BETTING: 5-4 Golden Freeze, 7-4 Barnbrook Again, 7-2 Rusch De Farges, 12-1 Private Views.
1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM BARNBROOK AGAIN faced a simple task when easily beating Loddon Lad 5l at Newbury (2m 4f, good). Earlier, won in workmanlike fashion when beating Pento Prince 4l at Devon (2m 1f, good to soft).
GOLDEN FREEZE has looked a horse of considerable potential. His latest win being a bloodless 15l success over Casper Carrot at Warwick (3m 1f, good to soft). Faces sternest task to date here, and would need to win to prove his Gold Cup candidature.
RUSCH DE FARGES showed winning form in France this season before joining Martin Pipe. Beat Corn Merchant 20l at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, soft) on latest start. Earlier, forged clear to beat Southern Minstrel 15l at Haydock (2m 4f, soft).
PRIVATE VIEWS, has been disappointing this season refusing on both occasions. Looked very useful last term: Won 6 times last season, 4 of those at Cheltenham, including when beating Highway Express 2½ over (2m 4f good to firm).
Selection: RUSCH DE FARGES

3.0 BISHOPS CLEEVE HURDLE (Listed race: £3,525: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

401 2/2-111 GREEN WILLOW 29 (C,D,F,G,S) (P Hopkins) J Gifford 7-12-0 .... R Rowe 90
402 1F1221 CALAPAEZ 25 (CD,F,G,S) (T Blake) Miss B Sanders 5-11-10 .... S Sherwood ● 99
403 2334-44 RUBY FLIGHT 84 (D,S) (R Eckley) R Eckley 7-11-8 .... R Dunwoody 88
404 00/2124- LORD TORENAGA 294 (S) (C Pilkington) F Walwyn 6-11-5 .... K Mooney 68

BETTING: 6-4 Green Willow 9-4 Calapaez, 9-2 Lord Torenaga, 10-1 Ruby Flight.
1988: CLOUGHTANEY 7-12-0 A Mullins (5-2 fav) P Mullins (Ire) 11 ran

3.35 LECHLADE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,667: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

501 P5-5415 COTTAGE RUN 49 (C,G,S) (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 9-11-10 .... R Dunwoody 93
502 142114/ AHERLOW 749 (D,BF,G,S) (J Curran) S Christian 9-11-5 .... J Osborne —
503 1212-33 PADDYBORO 21 (F,G,S) (Capt F Tyrwhitt-Drake) J Gifford 11-11-3 .... R Rowe 96
504 22-6034 GALA'S IMAGE 33 (C,D,F,G,S) (Sheikh Ali Khamsin) Mrs M Rimell 9-10-13 .... P Scudamore ● 99

BETTING: 11-8 Paddyboro, 5-2 Cottage Run, 4-1 Aherlow, 8-1 Gala's Image.
1988: LUCKY RASCAL 9-11-8 R Rowe (9-2) J Gifford 6 ran

4.10 WINCHCOMBE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,145: 2m) (11 runners)

601 03/1143 ELFAST 8 (D,BF,G,S) (J Webber) J Webber 6-11-13 .... G Mernagh 90
602 460-453 RUN FOR FREE 25 (R Freethy) A Turnell 5-10-3 .... P Scudamore ● 99
603 0-330 LOTS OF LUCK 15 (BF) (T Klavenese) J Pearce 6-10-0 .... J McLaughlin 96
604 5F-000 UNCLE ELI 29 (R Tory) D Nicholson 6-10-0 .... R Dunwoody 94
605 00-4633 PLAGUE O' RATS 11 (Mrs C Rogers) R Frost 5-10-0 .... P Johnson (7) 92
606 0-0462 SAINT SUPREME 29 (R Champness) O O'Neill 6-10-0 .... — 97
607 0-50212 GALAXY KRIS 4 (D,BF,G) (D Wintle) D Wintle 6-10-0 .... S Keightley 89
608 022162 SILENT TWIRL 21 (D,S) (M McBride) J King 6-10-0 .... I Lawrence (7) 92
609 40-5F50 JANE CRAIG 8 (Mrs J Duckett) R Dickin 6-10-0 .... M Jones (7) 96
610 44-05 BUMPTIOUS BOY 26 (T Pilkington) A J Wilson 5-10-0 .... W Humphreys (4) 90
611 U053/00 DUDLEY'S IMPACT 9 (J Eaton) J Eaton 7-10-0 .... J Bryan —

Long handicap: Uncle Eli 9-7, Plague O' Rats 9-6, Saint Supreme 9-5, Galaxy Kris 9-5, Silent Twirl 9-3, Jane Craig 9-2, Bumptious Boy 8-6, Dudley's Impact 8-4.

BETTING: 9-4 Run For Free, 11-4 Lots Of Luck, 9-2 Saint Supreme, 6-1 Elfast, 8-1 Galaxy Kris, 12-1 Silent Twirl, 16-1 others.
1988: RUSTLE 6-11-0 M Bowlby (5-6 fav) N Henderson 14 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Miss B Sanders	3	9	33.3
F Walwyn	15	78	19.2
O Sherwood	13	68	19.1
M Pipe	19	100	19.0
N Gaselee	9	51	17.6
S Christian	6	37	16.2

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Sherwood	21	110	19.1
P Scudamore	35	200	17.5
K Mooney	10	72	13.9
G Mernagh	5	42	11.9
M Pitman	4	37	10.8
R Dunwoody	18	175	10.3

DONCASTER

Selections
By Mandarin

1.15 Qannaas.
1.45 Itsgottabealright.
2.20 **ROLL-A-JOINT** (nap).
2.50 Bank View.
3.20 Castlevennon.
3.50 Shilgrove Place.

Going: good to firm (chase course); good (hurdles)

1.15 PHILIP CORNES NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,477: 2m 4f) (20 runners) C 4

1 5-F1356 GREENACRES LAD 7 (S) (M Talbot) B McMahon 6-11-8 .... T Wall 97
2 00-01 POPPING ON 15 (D,G) (J Turner) J Turner 5-11-3 .... — 81
3 ALA HOUNAK 112F (F Samdan) F Durr 5-11-0 .... S Woods (4) —
4 131- BLACK MOCCASIN 295 (G,S) (J Bernstein) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 .... J Leech (7) —
5 DANISH DANCER 139F (K Pagh) Rae Guest 6-11-0 .... Richard Guest —
6 420-2F DEEP COLONIST 25 (BF) (G Adcock) Mrs M Dickinson 7-11-0 .... L Wyer 97
7 300 DIRECT RESPONSE 11 (BF) (Mrs C Postlethwaite) Mrs C Postlethwaite 5-11-0 T Morgan —
8 60 FAUX PAVILLON 11 (C Ring) A Hide 5-11-0 .... S Keightley —
9 000-05P GARRELGUM 21 (Lord Hartington) N Crump 6-11-0 .... C Hawkins 73
10 64 KAYUDEE 14 (Kenton Utilities & Developments) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-0 .... M Dwyer 97
11 FP3 MANDALAY PRINCE 26 (H Rushworth) T Kersey 5-11-0 .... — 92
12 034-0P0 PRINTERS DEVIL 28 (Hickling and Squires Ltd) J Wharton 5-11-0 .... S J O'Neill —
13 543 QANNAAS 7 (Mrs A Leat) Mrs D Haine 5-11-0 .... B Powell 89
14 000 SILVER TAMARIS 52 (Mrs J Tinning) W Tinning 8-11-0 .... K Jones —
15 6005 SLOSHED 15 (J Hanson) W A Stephenson 5-11-0 .... J O'Gorman (7) 91
16 1065 STRONG FANCY 14 (G) (P Macklam) H Wharton 6-11-0 .... P Harle (4) 97
17 8204-52 STRONG GOLD 10 (S) (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 .... M Bowlby ● 99
18 P WINTERTON 16 (C Wheeler) K Stone 7-11-0 .... J J Quinn —
19 20F20-F YOOHOO NAN 50 (B Lewis) R Lee 6-11-0 .... B Dowling 98
20 0/000-00 DORA FROST 21 (B) (D Trueman) C Triedine 6-10-9 .... J Shortt —

BETTING: 4-1 Kayudee, 5-1 Strong Gold, 7-1 Deep Colonist, 8-1 Ala Hounak, Qannaas, Black Moccasin, 12-1 Faux Pavilion, 14-1 Strong Fancy, Greenacres Lad, 16-1 others.
1988: CRUMPET DELITE 8-11-0 M Pitman (14-1) Mrs J Pitman 20 ran

FORM GREENACRES LAD 4¼l 3rd to Greenhills Joy at Sandown in December (2m); latest showed he stayed 2m 5f when 19l 6th of 26 to Sunbia (gave 5lb) at Warwick. ALA HOUNAK, a listed race winner on the Flat, finished 3rd in the 1987 Ebor at York.
BLACK MOCCASIN beat the useful Morley Street ½l in a the best National Hunt Flat race of last season at Liverpool (2m, good to soft). DANISH DANCER has won several Flat races in Scandinavia, put up best effort in defeat when ¾l 2nd to Medicus in a Group III at Baden-Baden (1m 3f, soft).
DEEP COLONIST fell at the 2nd last when tiring in similar event won by King's Harvest: earlier a neck 2nd to Temperable in a Wetherby novice (3m, soft). KAYUDEE, the 1985 Cesarewitch winner, was 19l 4th of 15 to Pertemps Network (gave 8lb) at Ascot (2m 4f, good).
QANNAAS stayed on at one pace when 4l 4th to Luomo Piu at Market Rasen earlier this month. STRONG FANCY stayed on well at Newcastle (2m, soft) on hurdling debut when 15l 5th to Antinous (gave 12lb). STRONG GOLD improved at Windsor (2m 30yd, good) when 8l 2nd to Big Diamond.
YOOHOO NAN latest fell at the 1st; last season (rec. 9lb) ran a creditable 12l 2nd to Rebel Song at Warwick (2m 4f, soft) last February.
Selection: YOOHOO NAN

1.45 MANSION HOUSE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,841: 2m 150yd) (5 runners) C 4

1 4-34114 KARENOMORE 14 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Lt-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 11-11-10 .... L Wyer ● 99
2 0/1213- YANK BROWN 435 (D,F,G,S) (C Longstaff) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-6 .... M Dwyer 90
3 112251 THE WELDER 14 (D,F,G,S) (R Yates) R Lee 11-11-1 .... B Dowling 96
4 82222-2 ITSGOTTABEALRIGHT 8 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs W D Sykes) J Edwards 12-10-9 .... T Morgan 94
5 942-U21 TERRYASH 8 (D,G,S) (L Naylor) M Chapman 10-10-0 .... J A Harris 83

Long handicap: Terryash 9-3.
BETTING: 9-4 The Welder, 3-1 Karenomore, 7-2 Itsgottabealright, 9-2 Yank Brown, 12-1 Terryash.
1988: PADDYBORO 10-10-1 E Murphy (3-1 fav) J Gifford 10 ran

FORM KARENOMORE 4th beaten 16l by Delius (gave 19lb) at Ascot (2m 4f); earlier showed his form of the season at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm) in December beating Joint Sovereignty (gave 8lb) 3l. Acts on any going. YANK BROWN showed a good turn of foot to beat Goodman Point (rec 5lb) 15l at Ascot last season (2m, good).
THE WELDER beat TERRYASH (8lb worse off) 7l at Market Rasen (2m, good to soft). TERRYASH franked that form with a 1½l win from My Purple Prose at Towcester (2m 50yd, good to soft). ITSGOTTABEALRIGHT led to the last at Kempton (2m, good) when 2nd beaten 2½l by Banbridge (rec 11lb).
Selection: ITSGOTTABEALRIGHT

2.20 WILLIAM HILL GOLDEN SPURS HANDICAP CHASE (£11,647: 3m 122yd) (14 runners) C 4

1 250114 ACE OF SPIES 21 (D,F,S) (A Jacobs) Mrs G Jones 8-12-0 .... P Dever 92
2 F1-1131 FARMLEA BOY 33 (F,G,S) (R Lavelle) G Balding 9-11-9 .... Richard Guest 90
3 2111/1-1 PROVERITY 23 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Shaw) J Edwards 8-11-8 .... T Morgan 89
4 113642 JODY'S BOY 11 (B,F,G,S) (R W Swiers) R Swiers 8-11-8 .... Mr S Swiers (4) 95
5 513FF1 BISHOPDALE 8 (F,G,S) (R Causer) W A Stephenson 8-11-4 .... M Dwyer 96
6 1U3-53U PERROQUET 31 (D,G,S) (G Vergette) G Vergette 9-11-3 .... Mrs J Saunders 88
7 P-5U111 ROLL-A-JOINT 8 (D,G,S) (R Thomas Williams) C Popham 11-11-1 .... B Powell ● 99
8 124412 DINNY WALSH 16 (D,BF,F,G,S) (M Shone) J Edwards 8-11-1 .... Mr P Fenton 94
9 221122 MISTER CHRISTIAN 26 (BF,G,S) (Mrs G Gaisford) D Barons 8-11-1 .... P Nicholls 92
10 21/44-1 OLD APPLEJACK 7 (D,F,S) (G Tobitt) J Johnson 9-10-11 .... — 89
11 U-23332 GOLDEN DELICIOUS 33 (F,G) (J Macdonald-Buchanan) D Nicholson 9-10-7 .... B Dowling 90
12 531214 PERMABOS 3 (D,BF,F,G,S) (B Valentine) K Stone 10-10-4 .... J J Quinn 93
13 F-2223F MAGWOOD 31 (S) (R Anderson Green) C Parker 9-10-3 .... S J O'Neill 91
14 632-133 EVEN DEEPER 14 (S) (R Beeson) J Blundell 9-10-1 .... M Brennan 93

BETTING: 4-1 Roll-A-Joint, 6-1 Bishopdale, Proverity, 7-1 Farmlea Boy, 10-1 Mister Christian, Dinny Walsh, 14-1 Golden Delicious, 16-1 Ace Of Spies, Jody's Boy, Old Applejack, 20-1 others.
1988: BOB TISDALL 9-12-5 T Morgan (16-1) J Edwards 21 ran

FORM FARMLEA BOY had nothing to spare when beating The Leggett 2l at Wincanton (2m 5f, good to firm). PROVERITY, a good jumper, made all for a short head win from Boraceva (rec 7lb) at Nottingham (3m 4f).
JODY'S BOY beaten 3l by Castlevennon (rec 14lb) at Sedgefield (2m 4f). BISHOPDALE beat Tomorrow Night 2l in good style at Catterick (3m 4f, good to firm). ROLL-A-JOINT, has improved, beat Seagram (gave 15lb) 2l in good style at Kempton (3m, good). DINNY WALSH suited by front running tactics when a 6l winner from Tracys Special at Lingfield (3m, good) in December.
OLD APPLEJACK made all to beat The Wilk (gave 7lb) 8l on Catterick (3m 1f 80yd, good to firm).
Selection: ROLL-A-JOINT (nap)

2.50 BREWERS HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,247: 2m 150yd) (6 runners) C 4

1 1131 BANK VIEW 38 (D,G,S) (Bank View Hire Ltd) N Tinkler 11-8 .... M Dwyer ● 99
2 3 ALL ELECTRIC 14 (C Elsey) C Elsey 11-2 .... J J Quinn —
3 04 BLAKES SON 15 (BF) (A Fawcett) M W Easterby 11-2 .... R Beggan 83
4 LATE CUT 127F (L Westbury) H Collingridge 11-2 .... S Woods (4) —
5 MAGIC AT DAWN 130F (Mrs J Gray) G Moore 11-2 .... L Wyer —
6 P WATTLEMEADE 14 (N Fletcher) M Chapman 11-2 .... J A Harris —

BETTING: 10-11 Bank View, 7-2 Blakes Son, 6-1 Magic At Dawn, 10-1 All Electric, 12-1 Late Cut, 25-1 Wattlemeade.
1988: KRIBENSIS 4-11-2 S Smith Eccles (Evens fav) M Stoute 16 ran

FORM BANK VIEW beat the useful Forest Flame (rec 12lb) 1½l at Bangor (2m, soft). BLAKES SON was a beaten favourite at Wetherby when 5½l 4th of 10 to Gallant Gesture.
ALL ELECTRIC finished well, but was beaten a distance by Yorkshireman at Market Rasen with WATTLEMEADE pulled up. LATE CUT came closest to winning on the Flat when 1l 2nd to Reef Lark in a Yarmouth maiden.
MAGIC AT DAWN won twice on the Flat winning at Carlisle by 6l from Mahib. Goes well on fast ground.
Selection: BANK VIEW

3.20 BURGHWALLIS NOVICES CHASE (£1,753: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1 044114 WILLIAM CRUMP 7 (D,G,S) (Otterdawn Associates Ltd) K Bailey 8-11-8 .... R Beggan ● 99
2 21F131 CASTLEVENNON 11 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 8-11-3 .... J O'Gorman (7) 96
3 5P HECKLEY CRAG 14 (P Blockley) P Blockley 9-11-0 .... P Midgeley (7) —
4 145-344 IRISH RED 75 (S) (Hathaway Roofing Ltd) W A Stephenson 7-11-0 .... M Dwyer 73
5 582-52F LIGHT TRAVELLER 11 (Miss E Curtis) R Barr 9-11-0 .... Mr S Swiers (4) 82
6 240-U43 STRING PLAYER 7 (F,G,S) (F Lee) F Lee 7-11-0 .... C Hawkins 82
7 102/0-63 WILD FLYER 23 (G) (P Greenall) R Lee 8-11-0 .... B Dowling 74
8 402230 PADYKIN 14 (F,G) (S Freeman) M Chapman 9-10-9 .... J A Harris 87

BETTING: 5-2 William Crump, 3-1 Castlevennon, 9-2 Wild Flyer, 11-2 String Player, 8-1 Irish Red, Light Traveller, 25-1 Padykin, Heckley Crag.
1988: KISSANE 7-11-0 T Morgan (10-1) J Edwards 18 ran

3.50 YORKSHIRE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,574: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

1 2BF1F3 SMITH'S GAMBLE 14 (G,S) (A Smith) M H Easterby 7-11-10 .... L Wyer 97
2 224014- COMEDY FAIR 298 (D,G,S) (P Blockley) P Blockley 9-11-6 .... J O'Hanlon (7) —
3 22-1/55- BOLLIN PALACE 429 (D,G,S) (Sir Neil Westbrook) M H Easterby 7-11-4 .... D Dutton 95
4 F5F-0P0 DARKORJON 7 (D,F,G,S) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds E Plc) N Tinkler 8-11-2 D Sullivan (7) —
5 2-42111 SHILGROVE PLACE 24 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 7-10-11 J O'Gorman (7) 96
6 60500-1 STIKIT'S BROTHER 21 (D,G,S) (Mrs A Alhamrani) Miss E Sneyd 11-10-8 .... D Gallagher 91
7 6U3/2-61 HADDON LAD 58 (D,F,S) (I T S Ltd) Miss A King 6-10-8 .... A Webb 93
8 004211 MISTS OF TIME 15 (D,F,G) (J Noden) C Vernon Miller 5-10-7 .... S J O'Neill ● 99
9 1-50000 EUROCON 38 (C,D,F,G) (W Spink) T Barron 5-10-6 .... R Garritty (7) 90
10 001/F-00 COOL RECEPTION 28 (BF,S) (J Hanson) W A Stephenson 8-10-3 .... M Dwyer —
11 253521 VIKING ROCKET 17 (S) (Raymond Anderson Green) C Parker 5-10-2 .... P Harle (4) 98
12 43-0546 PHILS PRIDE 24 (CD,G) (A Bayman) A Smith 5-10-0 .... J A Harris 82
13 020265 STORMY MONARCH 16 (G,S) (R Godwin) G Jones 8-10-0 .... J D Doyle 94
14 0P565-0 STUMBLE 49 (G) (J Cowan) J Mackie 5-10-0 .... C Hawkins 96
15 02-4564 TREBONKERS 24 (S) (Mrs C Richard) J S Wilson 5-10-0 .... M Bowlby 98

Long handicap: Stormy Monarch 9-13, Stumble 9-10, Trebonkers 9-5.
BETTING: 7-2 Haddon Lad, 9-2 Mists Of Time, 5-1 Shilgrove Place, 7-1 Smith's Gamble, 8-1 Viking Rocket, 10-1 Bollin Palace, Stikit's Brother, 12-1 Comedy Fair, 14-1 others.
1988: JIMBALOU 5-10-6 D Browne (6-1) R Brazington 21 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Wharton	5	18	27.8
Mrs M Dickinson	4	17	23.5
K Bailey	3	13	23.1
Jimmy Fitzgerald	9	40	22.5
Mrs J Pitman	3	15	20.0
W A Stephenson	7	50	14.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
T Morgan	3	5	60.0
M Bowlby	4	8	50.0
A Webb	3	8	37.5
M Dwyer	11	44	25.0
L Wyer	3	26	11.5
C Hawkins	3	37	8.1

(Not including yesterday's results)

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Selections
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1.0 Brownhill Lass. 1.30 Demi John. 2.0 Macho Man. 2.30 Mercy Less. 3.0 Beaker. 3.30 St Gabriel. 4.0 Scottish Gold. 4.25 Jolejester.

Going: soft

1.0 GIRVAN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,296: 2m) (7 runners)

1 6323 BROWNHILL LASS 17 (CD,S) R Goldie 8-12-0 G Scope
2 2132 IMPERTAIN 56 (D,F) T Cunningham 9-11-9 S Cunningham
3 5354 REAY'S SONG 11 (D,G,S) M Naughton 15-11-0 R Fahey
4 /541 HAZEL BANK 17 (D,S) P Monteith 10-10-13 L O'Hara
5 1FF4 SIDVIC 7 (D,G,S) R Woodhouse 10-10-8 C Ryan
6 5054 JELLY JILL 14 R Allan 6-10-7 Ger Lyons
7 -BPP CANTA-LAD 31 P Monteith 6-10-7 T P White

2-1 Hazel Bank, 9-2 Brownhill Lass, 4-1 Reay's Song, 6-1 Impertain, 12-1 Sidvic, 16-1 others.

1.30 CROSSHILL NOVICES CHASE (£1,770: 3m 110yd) (8)

1 3U-5 CAMMIONAGE 25 (B) A Crow 6-11-5 Mr A Crow
2 0485 DEMI JOHN 11 (C,G,S) G Richards 7-11-5 N Doughty
3 053 INTERIM LIB 22 Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-5 Mr J Bradburne
4 /P-P MOVING PERFORMANCE 42 Miss Z Green 6-11-5 M Meagher
5 -0UF TODDLIN HAME 25 C Parker 7-11-5 B Storey
6 0432 BELINDA VARD 14 R Armytage 7-11-0 —
7 2045 CHALKIES PET 24 (G) J Gillen 9-11-0 J K Kinane
8 84 COMEDY ROAD 26 W A Stephenson 5-10-7 A Merrigan

9-4 Demi John, 5-2 Belinda Vard, 5-1 Cammionage, 6-1 Interim Lib, 7-1 Comedy Road, 12-1 others.

2.0 SEAGRAM 100 PIPERS CHAMPIONSHIP NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: 4-Y-O: £1,688: 2m) (8)

1 2121 SWEET CITY 24 (V,CD,S) G Richards 11-9 N Doughty
2 012 BRIGHT AISLE 22 (D,BF,G) N Tinkler 11-6 G McCourt
3 3133 MACHO MAN 14 (D,S) G Moore 11-6 P Niven
4 0 BECKWITH 15 M Naughton 11-0 G Bradley
5 22 GOOD MOOD 24 (BF) J S Wilson 11-0 Ger Lyons (4)
6 P0 HIGHLY DECORATED 58 J J O'Neill 11-0 —
7 060 RIVER SPIRIT 8 P Monteith 11-0 D Nolan
8 OUR JULIE 225F J Love 10-9 S Love

15-8 Sweet City, 11-4 Good Mood, Macho Man, 11-2 Bright Aisle, 12-1 others.

2.30 COUNTY OF AYR HANICAP CHASE (£2,768: 4m 120yd) (6)

1 4011 POLAR NOMAD 14 (F,S) W A Stephenson 8-11-7 A Merrigan
2 1311 BIRLING JACK 25 (C,S) D McGarva 8-11-2 G McCourt
3 UPU2 MERCY LESS 14 (S) G Moore 10-10-6 J Callaghan (7)
4 2353 CLONROCHE GAZETTE 17 (C,S) W Fairgrieve 9-10-5 B Storey
5 3533 PANEGYRIST 25 C Alexander 14-10-0 Ger Lyons (4)
6 6-34 PRO-TOKEN 43 C Ratcliffe 9-10-0 P A Farrell

11-8 Mercy Less, 2-1 Birling Jack, 100-30 Polar Nomad, 10-1 Clonroche Gazette, 25-1 Panegyrist, 50-1 Pro-Token.

3.0 SYMINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,548: 2m 6f) (8)

1 0124 GUNNER MAC 17 (CD,BF,G,S) N Bycroft 8-12-0 P Niven
2 2410 RINUS 32 (C,F,G,S) G Richards 8-11-11 N Doughty
3 2212 WESSEX 14 (BF,S) N Tinkler 7-11-4 G McCourt
4 1F0F TIMSOLO 47 (D,BF,G,S) C Tinkler 8-10-7 R Fahey (4)
5 0023 BEAKER 15 (V,C,S) M Naughton 9-10-6 G Bradley
6 136P DAVID'S TREASURE 43 (S) R Fisher 9-10-0 R Hodge (7)
7 13-6 POKEREE 5 (F) D Moffatt 6-10-0 D Byrne (4)
8 6-65 SOME MUG 28 D Hodgson 8-10-0 Ger Lyons (4)

9-4 Wessex, 7-2 Timsolo, 9-2 Rinus, 5-1 Beaker, 7-1 Gunner Mac, 12-1 others.

3.30 SORN NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,801: 2m) (10)

1 121U UNEX-PLAINED 11 (D,G,S) G Moore 6-12-0 B Storey
2 2-21 ST GABRIEL 15 (D,G,S) T Tate 8-12-0 G Bradley
3 3021 WEST ENDER 25 (CD,S) J Jefferson 6-10-4 R Marley
4 44F1 SHESHOONS LAST 24 (C,S) W McGhie 9-10-4 T Reed
5 P63F TYCOON MOON 14 A Crow 8-10-3 Mr D Mactaggart (7)
6 05/U CROFTON VIEW 7 (S) J Dixon 11-10-0 Mr R Hale (7)
7 -P06 BLEANAHOUREE 7 W Fairgrieve 10-10-0 J Hansen
8 504P BATTLE OF WITS 33 (G) T Cunningham 8-10-0 S Cunningham (7)
9 00-0 MERCURIUS 25 (CD,S) D Robertson 7-10-0 A Merrigan
10 P0-5 GALA LOCH 25 S Payne 5-10-0 D Wilkinson

7-4 St Gabriel, 5-2 Unex-Plained, 9-2 West Ender, 6-1 Sheshoons Last, 12-1 Crofton View, 16-1 Tycoon Man, 20-1 others.

4.0 ROGER FISHER STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £1,100: 2m) (12)

1 1-2 SCOTTISH GOLD 115 (S) J S Wilson 5-12-3 Mr D Mactaggart (7)
2 BOWLANDS WAY D Moffatt 5-11-10 D Byrne (4)
3 ROYAL INVADER R Dods 5-11-10 Mr C Wilson (7)
4 SAILOR'S DELIGHT W A Stephenson 5-11-10 T P White (7)
5 STRONG BREEZE R Fisher 5-11-10 R Hodge (7)
6 0- BONNYHILL LASS 320 D MacDonald 5-11-5 L O'Hara (7)
7 DAWN BLADE J J O'Neill 6-11-5 F Murtagh (7)
8 SHIONA ANNE R Goldie 5-11-5 G Scope (7)
9 BANTEL BALOCCO Miss M Bell 4-11-0 J Winterbotham (7)
10 80 BRIGHT HOUR 17 D Chapman 4-11-0 Ger Lyons (4)
11 PARTY PERIL W Fairgrieve 4-11-0 Mr C Sample
12 TINTO LAD N Bycroft 4-11-0 M Richardson

13-8 Scottish Gold, 7-2 Strong Breeze, 4-1 Dawn Blade, 6-1 Bowlands Way, 8-1 Sailors Delight, 12-1 others.

4.25 ROGER FISHER STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £1,086: 2m) (11)

1 0 ACHILTIBUIE 17 W Crawford 5-11-10 Mr P Doyle (7)
2 ANOTHER GHOST J Goulding 5-11-10 L O'Hara (7)
3 5 REGAL ESTATE 108 D Moffatt 5-11-10 D Byrne (4)
4 06 FOLLYDOLLY 17 C Parker 5-11-5 A Parker (7)
5 1 JOLEJESTER 22 (G) W Elsey 4-11-2 C Ryan (7)
6 DEEP SECRECY R Fisher 4-11-0 R Hodge (7)
7 5 INDAMU 22 P Calver 4-11-0 J Callaghan (7)
8 GUERNSEY GIRL Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-9 J Hayes (7)
9 2 HOOCH 22 C Thornton 4-10-9 R Fahey (4)
10 0 JILLY GREY 17 J Birkett 4-10-9 Mr R Hale (4)
11 SAMJO W McGhie 4-10-9 Ger Lyons (4)

9-4 Hooch, 3-1 Jolejester, 9-2 Deep Secrecy, 6-1 Guernsey Girl, Regal Estate, 10-1 Another Ghost, 14-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: C Tinkler, 5 winners from 11 runners, 45.5%; G Moore, 16 from 48, 33.3%; D McGarva, 3 from 12, 25.0%; N Tinkler, 5 from 20, 25.0%; G Richards, 47 from 198, 23.7%; W Crawford, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 6 winners from 15 rides, 40.0%; N Doughty, 21 from 105, 20.0%; R Marley, 3 from 17, 17.6%; Ger Lyons, 5 from 35, 14.3%; Mr D Mactaggart, 3 from 21, 14.3%; M Meagher, 7 from 55, 12.7%.

(Not including yesterday's results)

Shyoushka joins Cecil

Shyoushka, one of the better juvenile fillies in Ireland last year, has been sold out of Peter Hill's stable to join Henry Cecil at Newmarket (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Shyoushka, a bargain 7,600 guinea yearling, won first time out at Phoenix Park and subsequently ran the talented *Luge* to three lengths in a listed race at Leopardstown.

FOLKESTONE

Selections
By Mandarin

1.15 Gulf Palace. 1.45 Kafarmo. 2.15 Kodiak Island. 2.45 Kate's Girl. 3.15 Clay Hill. 3.45 Short List. 4.15 Bob's Advice.

Going: good (chases); good to soft (hurdles)

1.15 NORTHIAM NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,088: 2m 100yd) (18 runners)

1 0145 INTERPLAY 14 (D,S) R O'Sullivan 11-3 D O'Sullivan (7)
2 281 ROVER 18 (D,S) D Elsworth 11-3 J Frost
3 EASTERN EVENING 116F J Long 10-10 NON-RUNNER
4 333 ELEGANT STRANGER 15 M Tompkins 10-10 S Smith Eccles
5 6P GLAMGRAM'S BEST 53 T Etherington 10-10 E Murphy
6 06 GULF PALACE 49 R Akehurst 10-10 Dale McKeown
7 2-23 MILLFORD HAVEN 21 J Scargill 10-10 H Davies
8 0340 PINEY POINT 22 G Ripley 10-10 G Moore
9 3262 ST ATHANS LAD 12 R Curtis 10-10 R Goldstein
10 06 TAJROBA 8 J Jenkins 10-10 M Ahern (7)
11 4P VERSELLI 32 (BF) D Burchell 10-10 D J Burchell
12 WAGON LOAD 114F J Ffitch-Heyes 10-10 —
13 55 ANIMAL ACTOR 17 R Akehurst 10-5 S McKeever (7)
14 DJLAH 203F F Gray 10-5 M Crosse (7)
15 P MILINETTA 32 W Brooks 10-5 C Cox
16 333 QUEENS ROMANCE 37 B Stevens 10-5 D Murphy
17 P0 SILVER SLEEK 29 R Ledger 10-5 Mrs N Ledger
18 P VISITRONIC 12 Miss B Sanders 10-5 Penny Ffitch-Heyes

9-4 Rover, 4-1 Millford Haven, 11-2 St Athans Lad, 13-2 Queens Romance, Versalli, 7-1 Gulf Palace.

1.45 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,128: 2m 100yd) (14)

1 30-2 HALLCROSS 109F (V) O Sherwood 5-11-10 C Cox
2 -021 FLEETWOOD LASS 26 (D,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-11-10 D O'Sullivan (7)
3 3834 KAFARMO 19 J Jenkins 6-11-2 S Smith Eccles
4 2P66 AL HASHIMI 23 A Moore 5-11-0 G Moore
5 040- OUT OF STOCK 343 J White 6-11-0 K Burke
6 5U4F THE HOWARD 16 I Matthews 7-10-11 M Furlong
7 6053 THORNFIELD 7 R Akehurst 5-10-10 Dale McKeown
8 -10 UNA DONNA 37 (S) N Gaselee 6-10-9 R Boucher (7)
9 8-F0 ARISTOCRAT VELVET 78 J Ringer 7-10-5 S McNeill
10 0800 ANFIELD'S STAR 2 (B) D Wilson 5-10-4 —
11 BP05 OUTCAST 17 A Moore 5-10-0 W Morris
12 00P- DIPYN BACH 438 T McGovern 7-10-0 P Corrigan
13 P00P INDIAN PONY 19 B Stevens 10-10-0 M Stevens (7)
14 P000 VARINGEN 8 (S) J Elliott 8-10-0 R Goldstein

3-1 Kafarmo, 4-1 Hallcross, 6-1 The Howard, 8-1 Aristocrat Velvet, 10-1 Al Hashimi, 12-1 Fleetwood Lass.

2.15 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (£1,592: 3m 2f) (10)

1 2-11 ZETA'S LAD 33 (D,S) J Costello 6-11-10 Mr T Costello
2 2513 GLENAVEY 8 (CD,S) J Gifford 8-11-3 Peter Hobbs
3 2102 PELION 10 (CD,G,S) J King 9-11-3 S Smith Eccles
4 0/03 FIRST INSIGHT 23 N Gaselee 9-10-10 A Adams (4)
5 /-06 GO MOTORPLAN 18 J Scargill 7-10-10 C Llewellyn
6 P0F KEEP IT NEAT 33 L Bowman 9-10-10 P Bowman (7)
7 4BF3 KODIAK ISLAND 29 (B,S) O Sherwood 7-10-10 M Richards
8 4-53 NEWLAR 18 (G,S) S Mellor 10-10-10 G Landau
9 PP-F TEN IN HAND 10 (S) M Bradstock 9-10-10 Miss S Lawrence
10 44U2 RALEIGH GAZELLE 16 W G M Turner 7-10-5 P Holley (4)

13-8 Kodiak Island, 5-2 Glenavey, 4-1 Zeta's Lad, 10-1 First Insight, 14-1 Raleigh Gazelle, 16-1 Newlar, Pelion, 25-1 others.

2.45 TATTERSALLS MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE (£1,527: 2m 4f) (13)

1 F-31 TARAHUMARA 19 (S) J Gifford 7-11-1 Peter Hobbs
2 60P4 AMETHEA 18 T Bailey 7-10-10 Tanya Davis (4)
3 AUTUMN SPATE P Hedger 9-10-10 M Richards
4 P60- CHATTY LASS 275 G Prast 7-10-10 A Gorman
5 -055 DI'S DELIGHT 49 C Bravery 7-10-10 Mr T Grantham
6 -433 HI' UPHAM 18 D Gandolfo 7-10-10 S McNeill
7 2-6 KATE'S GIRL 16 J Jenkins 8-10-10 S Smith Eccles
8 3-04 LADY CATCHER 9 J Bosley 7-10-10 M Bosley
9 02F5 LYSITHEA 10 W G M Turner 8-10-10 S Hodgson (7)
10 505- MONSOON 322 (F) P Jones 8-10-10 M Furlong
11 30/ NO POLITICS 648 T Forster 9-10-10 C Llewellyn
12 20PF RARE LUCK 19 P Jones 8-10-10 R Goldstein
13 4F0- SINDUR 289 D Grissell 6-10-10 H Davies

7-4 Tarahumara, 7-2 Kate's Girl, 9-2 Rare Luck, 15-2 Hi' Upham, 9-1 Monsoon, 14-1 Di's Delight, Lysithea, 20-1 others.

3.15 WHITELAW GOLD CUP (Chase: £2,688: 2m 4f) (7)

1 4118 AUTUMN ZULU 22 (CD,G,S) Miss L Bower 10-11-11 R Rowell
2 2554 CLAY HILL 8 (D,F,S) J Gifford 10-11-11 T Pinfield (4)
3 2423 FLAREY SARK 18 (D,S) J King 12-11-11 D Tegg
4 P0P0 HAWTHORN JACKS 22 G Ripley 9-11-3 G Moore
5 /P2P HERBERT UNITED 4 (D,G,S) G Balding 10-11-3 J Frost
6 3U31 HETTINGER 22 (CD,F,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 9-11-3 R Goldstein
7 24-3 STRAIGHT GIN 12 (CD,F) A Taylor 8-10-12 Mr A Taylor

15-8 Flarey Sark, 2-1 Clay Hill, 4-1 Hettinger, 6-1 Herbert United, 8-1 Autumn Zulu, 25-1 Straight Gin.

3.45 ROBERTSBRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,952: 2m 4f) (8)

1 1822 FOUR SPORT 131 (CD,F,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 7-11-10 Penny Ffitch-Heyes
2 3202 SHORT LIST 23 J Gifford 8-11-8 Peter Hobbs
3 0PU- WALKING CANE 287 (F,G) G Ripley 13-10-11 G Moore
4 P-0P ALEDAN 22 G Ripley 8-10-5 H Jenkins
5 2P40 TREBLE CHANCE 10 S Woodman 7-10-1 M Bosley
6 /F04 SHANGOSEER 11 (S) J White 8-10-0 K Burke
7 43F0 MR FINNLEE 19 Mrs S Armytage 7-10-0 Gee Armytage
8 F584 GREEN RIDGE 10 S Mellor 10-10-0 G Landau

7-4 Four Sport, 3-1 Short List, 9-2 Shangoseer, 6-1 Green Ridge, 8-1 Treble Chance, 12-1 Mr Finnlee, 16-1 others.

4.15 DAN SWINDEN NOVICES HURDLE (£1,088: 2m 6f) (18)

1 -3F1 BOB'S ADVICE 31 (CD,S) D Grissell 6-11-3 H Davies
2 2506 KAMADOOR 33 (F) G Balding 6-11-3 J Frost
3 1432 ROSTREAMER 28 (B,D,G) C Bravery 6-11-3 Mr T Grantham
4 P334 ABEROY 33 (F) M Ryan 10-10-10 J Ryan (4)
5 0-0P CLEAR GIN 17 (B) A Taylor 5-10-10 Mr A Taylor
6 060- DON KEYDROP 397 (397) Miss B Sanders 5-10-10 Dale McKeown
7 0-04 EMIR SULTAN 54 (B) O Sherwood 7-10-10 C Cox
8 0 ETHIOPIAN KING 58 T Etherington 6-10-10 E Murphy
9 P- EVENOS 446 Mrs B Waring 8-10-10 J Rebson
10 00-0 FALSIDE 28 (B) A Moore 5-10-10 G Moore
11 P0 FLEET STREET AGENT 10 T Jones 6-10-10 C Llewellyn
12 221F JIM BOWIE 8 (CD,S) A Davison 6-10-10 —
13 0/5P JOLI WASFI 78 R Curtis 8-10-10 D Morris
14 -000 JUSTTHEWAYYOUARE 26 R Curtis 6-10-10 R Goldstein
15 SEA BARN 621F M Coombe 6-10-10 Peter Hobbs
16 40 SOMEBODY 31 J White 5-10-10 K Burke
17 -1F3 THE HUMBLE TILLER 18 (BF,S) N Henderson 6-10-10 J Railton (4)
18 06 LIBOI MELODY 12 P Hedger 5-10-5 M Richards

11-4 The Humble Tiller, 7-2 Bob's Advice, 4-1 Rostreamer, 5-1 Kamadoor, 6-1 Emir Sultan, 8-1 Jim Bowie, 10-1 Joli Wasfi.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: D Elsworth, 4 winners from 15 runners, 26.7%; J Gifford, 18 from 71, 25.4%; O Sherwood, 6 from 25, 24.0%; D Grissell, 5 from 30, 16.7%; J Jenkins, 6 from 41, 14.6%; Miss L Bower, 9 from 65, 13.8%.

JOCKEYS: D Murphy, 5 winners from 11 rides, 45.5%; M Richards, 3 from 16, 18.8%; H Davies, 5 from 31, 16.1%; Peter Hobbs, 3 from 19, 15.8%; R Rowell, 9 from 58, 15.5%; Mr T Grantham, 3 from 28, 10.7%.

CRICKET: AUSTRALIA TAKE ADVANTAGE IN FOURTH TEST AS RICHARDS LOSES HIS WAY

Pitch draws West Indies' sting

From John Woodcock, Sydney

There was a time when West Indies would have been disappointed not to have bowled Australia out for 150, or thereabouts, at the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday. As it was, when play ended on the second day of the Fourth Test match, Australia were 200 for 3 and only 24 runs behind West Indies. With 110 not out Boon had done more than anyone to lay the foundation of what could be a winning lead.

The lesson of the day, and a very timely one too, was that there is more to being a great bowling side than pace like fire. When, now, conditions were as unhelpful to the faster bowlers as they were favourable to spin, West Indies were shown up. Their three slow bowlers, all of whom are off-spinners of a kind, took one for 143 in 67 overs, with bowling that was a devastating indictment of the one-day game.

On a pitch offering slow but generous turn, Harper bowled at and outside the leg stump to the right handers, eventually with seven men on the leg side — two short legs, a deep mid-on, a mid-wicket and square-leg both saving one, a long leg and a deep square-leg. It served a mainly negative purpose. Richards and Hooper did much the same. Their only success came when Jones was bowled round his legs as he tried to paddle a short ball from Richards down to fine-leg. I shudder to think what Ramadhin and Valentine, or Sobers and Gibbs would have thought of it all. Laker and Tom Goddard must be turning in their graves.

It was, all the same, an interesting day, not least because it was so unusual. I am not sure that Richards considers cricket a game worth playing on pitches as slow as this one. The perverse streak in him takes over. It happened once in a Test match against New Zealand at Wellington when, because he thought so little of the pitch, he went for 177 overs without taking a new ball.

Yesterday Marshall and Ambrose were, in practice, much his most dangerous bowlers. They pitched the ball up and were accurate, and they are very good. Yet Marshall spent from 11.50 until 5.15 grazing in the outfield. His opening spell was 8-6-4-1; in his sixth over he had Marsh caught at the wicket off an outswinger. When he bowled next, four overs with the second new ball, he finished with only one slip, although neither Boon nor Border was at all at ease against him. Pretty well the first bouncer of the day came a quarter-of-an-hour before the close. In the two previous Test matches, there were two in most overs and five in some.

By last night Richards had lost patience with one of the umpires, and I was not altogether surprised. Umpiring is a difficult job at the best of times, which this is not, and it does seem rather a lottery whether Mr Prue gets it right or not. An appeal for a catch at short leg off Harper, which Border survived when he had yet to score, obviously rankled with the West Indians. Border is still there, having batted for two hours 20 minutes and added 86 with Boon.

Putting Boon in at No. 3, so that Mark Taylor should open with Marsh, worked wonders. Boon's hundred, his seventh for Australia and first against West Indies, was his third in successive Sydney Test matches, following 131 against India in 1985-86 and 184 not out against England in last year's Bicentennial game. He is what he looks — four-square and genuine. In the last three hours of the day he scored 86, having, with Jones's help, broken West Indies' effort to bring the match to a standstill. Richards gave him a special cheer at the end and he well deserved it.

But it was a long while before Australia had dared even to look for the initiative. There was a time before lunch, with Harper bowling wide of the leg stump, when Boon was watching even long hops go by for fear of doing as West Indies had on Thursday, and getting out to them. The first hour of the day brought only 18 runs from 15 overs, the second 21 runs from 18 over, the third 32 from 17 overs.

When Taylor was yorked by Ambrose in the 37th over of Australia's innings he had done more than his more senior partners to let some air in. In the hour before tea that finally happened: 19 overs brought 60 runs. Goodness knows when West Indies last bowled 19 overs in an hour in a Test match, or 104 in a day. During the evening Border was happy to keep up his end, while Boon went on a maraud. The match is so well ahead of the clock that it was better for Australia to finish with three wickets down and the runs they have got than with five wickets gone and, say, 30 runs more.

That section of the crowd of 17,531 who look for "instant gratification" had a thing or two to say, but even they were humoured by Boon. There is a lot of cricket left in the match, full of promise though Australia's present position obviously is.

So far, 3,486 fewer people have watched two days of tensely-fought Test cricket than came to the last meaningless one-day qualifying match of the World Series Cup between the same two sides on the same ground. An Australian victory might not reverse that trend, but it would help to curtail it.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES: First Innings: 224 (D L Haynes 75, C G Greenidge 56; A R Border 7 for 46).

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M A Taylor b Ambrose	25
G R Marsh c Dujon b Marshall	2
D C Boon not out	110
D M Jones b Richards	29
*A R Border not out	18
Extras (b 3, lb 5, nb 8)	16
Total (3 wkts)	200

S R Waugh, †I A Healy, T M Alderman, T V Hohns, P L Taylor and M G Hughes to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-43, 3-114.

BOWLING: Marshall 12-10-4-1; Ambrose 19-4-36-1; Harper 30-8-68-0; Walsh 5-2-6-0; Hooper 17-4-38-0; Richards 21-1-40-1.

Umpires: L J King and T A Prue.



Back on top: David Boon strengthens Australia's position with an unbeaten 110 yesterday

Crowe celebrates his Test recall

Hamilton (Reuter) — The Pakistanis drew their three-day match with the New Zealand President's XI here yesterday after the weather on Thursday had prevented any chance of a result.

The Pakistanis gained a first innings lead of 41 when the President's XI captain, John Wright, declared at 261 for five. But the cricket seldom matched yesterday's ideal conditions and the Pakistanis used their second innings, which lasted 35 overs, as batting practice.

Imran Khan, the Pakistan captain, provided the highlight of the innings with one six and seven fours before being caught for 49 by Jeff Crowe off Andrew Nuttall. When stumps were drawn the Pakistanis were 108 for three.

Earlier, the former New Zealand captain, Crowe, celebrated his return to the Test scene with a solid innings of 58, which included six fours.

Not so fortunate was Chris Cairns, aged 18, the son of the former Test all-rounder, Lance. He retired hurt after being hit in the face by a short, rising ball from Imran.

PAKISTANIS: First Innings: 302 for 6 dec (Aamer Malik 88, Moin-ul-Atiq 66, Javed Miandad 63).

Second Innings

Imran Khan c Crowe b Nuttall	49
Saleem Yousuf c sub b Nuttall	11
Shoaib Mohammed not out	24
Ijaz Ahmed b Nuttall	21
Extras (nb 3)	3
Total (3 wkts)	108

Aamer Malik, Moin-ul-Atiq, Javed Miandad, Ramiz Raja, Aaqib Javed, Saleem Jaffer and Tauseef Ahmed did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-78, 3-108.

BOWLING: Bracewell 9-2-28-0; Johnson 13-4-37-0; Nuttall 11.3-2-37-3; Franklin 2-0-6-0.

NZ PRESIDENT'S XI: First Innings

T J Franklin lbw b Imran	23
*J G Wright c Shoaib b Jaffer	73
R H Vance c Yousuf b Jaffer	1
J J Crowe c Ijaz b Aaqib	58
A H Jones b Imran	11
†E B McSweeney not out	44
C Cairns ret hurt	25
B P Bracewell not out	5
Extras (b 1, lb 10, nb 10)	21
Total (5 wkts dec)	261

D N Patel, A Nuttall and V F Johnson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-69, 3-134, 4-155, 5-207.

BOWLING: Imran 26-7-69-2; Aaqib 27-8-61-1; Jaffer 18.4-4-53-2; Ijaz 6-0-23-0; Tauseef 20-9-43-0; Shoaib 2-1-1-0.

● Crowe's return to form this season has earned him a recall to the New Zealand team for the first Test against Pakistan in Dunedin starting on Friday. The former captain, aged 30, was dropped last year after a series of poor batting performances.

Crowe's brother, Martin, who missed New Zealand's tour of India because of illness, also returns. Rob Vance, after his magnificent 254 not out in a Shell Trophy match, joins John Wright, the captain, in opening the batting in place of Trevor Franklin.

New Zealand have named four seamers including Willie Watson, who has been included ahead of Danny Morrison, despite his good form.

NEW ZEALAND: J G Wright (captain), R H Vance, A H Jones, M D Crowe, M J Greatbatch, J J Crowe, R J Hadlee, I D S Smith, J G Bracewell, M C Snedden, W Watson, E J Chatfield.

Hick passes 10,000 runs

By Simon Wilde

Graeme Hick, the Worcestershire and aspiring England batsman, has been challenging further batting records. Hick, who is spending the winter playing for Central Districts in New Zealand, took his career aggregate past 10,000 first-class runs last week during an innings of 121 not out against Wellington.

At the age of 22 years 237 days, he narrowly failed to become the youngest batsman to reach this target. The world record is thought to be held by Javed Miandad, who scored his 10,000th run in January, 1980, at the age of 22 years 227 days.

Hick, who has scored three centuries in his first four matches for Central Districts in the Shell Trophy, New Zealand's domestic first-class competition, can take consolation in having taken fewer innings than Miandad to the landmark, 185 as against 252. In this respect, though, Bradman must once again have the last word, having reached five figures in only 126 innings.

Putting Hick's achievement into further perspective, Alan Ealham, who reached the brink of the England team, played for 16 years with Kent up to 1982, yet in that time accumulated only 10,996 runs from 466 innings at an average of 27.62. Hick's career average presently stands at 60.21.

Equally revealingly, George Emmett, of Gloucestershire, who was selected to open the batting in a Test against Australia in 1948, enjoyed a career of almost 900 innings in which he accumulated 37 centuries, the same number as the youthful Hick already has to his name.

In case Worcestershire may be alarmed at the prospect of Hick damaging his appetite for runs, he appears to be regarding his winter in the southern hemisphere as purely a holiday.

The biggest of his three hundreds for Central Districts is an uncharacteristically modest 145 and he has so far resisted the temptation to rival Rob Vance's 254 for Wellington, to which Hick had to field out and which is the highest score in New Zealand for 20 years.

DOG SLED RACING

Skiers move aside as lupine power takes to the pistes

By Jeremy Hart

In Alaska, dog-sled racing is the official sport: in Europe, it is virtually unknown. The sight of a fur-lined "musher" on a traditional wooden sled guiding his team of a dozen panting huskies across the pistes of the French and Italian Alps is rare — and for skiers not rare enough.

"In France, skiers kick your dogs and say they stink," Jean-Patrick Guilland, one of only a handful of Europeans who breed and race the wolf-like huskie, said. "When we race in Italy or Switzerland, the skiers there don't seem to mind."

Skiers in eastern France will not have been best pleased this week as Europe's biggest dog-sled race, the Alpirod, criss-crossed its way over the Italian border.

Taking in 1,000 kilometres of disjointed stages through parts of the Italian, French, Swiss and German Alps, the Alpirod is the grandest marathon of its kind outside Alaska.

Named after the Iditarod — the ultimate in the canine racing world and held over 1,000 miles of sub-Arctic wilderness in Alaska in March — the European race has attracted the sport's top names. Libby Riddles, the first woman to win the Iditarod, Joe Runyan, the winner of the first Alpirod last year, and Joe Redington sen, the founder of the Iditarod in the seventies, last week flew their dogs, worth £3,000, over the North Pole to a Europe devoid of any real snow.

"It's snowing in France at the moment," one musher said in Courmayeur, where the slopes were snowless. "How many flakes?" Jacques Philip, the top racer in Europe, replied. "I'm off to church to pray for snow here," Philip said. Twelve hours later it had arrived.

Morale in the kennels changed with the weather. Dogs began howling and the mushers, who had invested £10,000 each to journey to a snow-free continent, smiled at last. Before the fall of snow, many had vowed never to return, but the tune soon changed, and Riddles, outstanding in a world of amateurs, sang the Alpirod's praises.

Riddles is a true professional in a Pekinese-sized sport. Sponsors pay for all her racing expenses, including an annual £6,000 bill for dog food, and television stations clamour for her expertise as a dog-sled commentator. Riddles's huskie pups are much sought after — each fluffy bundle worth up to £300. "My latest litter is named after major-league basketball players," she said.

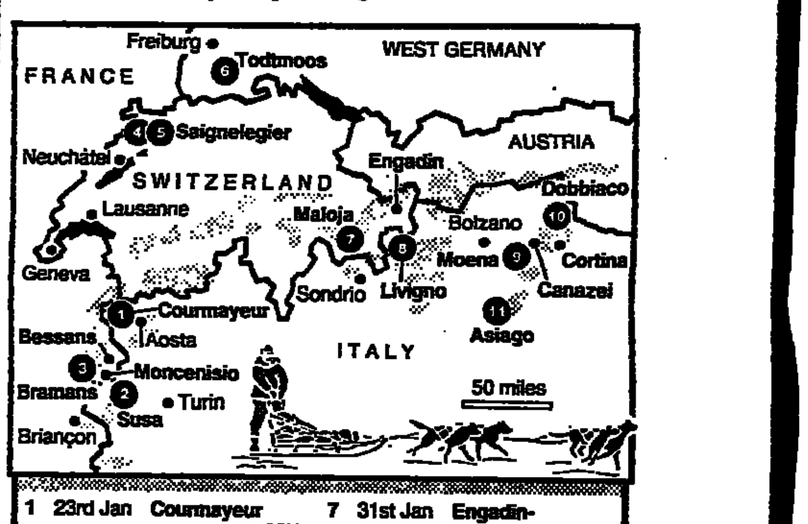
The powerful huskies, the only successful breed in the sport, are the unsung heroes of dog-sled racing. In the Iditarod, a team of 14 dogs can run for up to 10 hours at over 10 miles an hour on snow and ice. "There's too much emphasis on the mushers," Dominique Grandjean, the chief vet on the Alpirod, pointed out. "The real stars are the dogs. In show jumping or horse racing, or even greyhound racing, you know the name of the animal; why not in dog-sled racing?"

The "captain" of the team is the lead dog: the huskie at the front of the pack who responds to the instructions shouted from the musher aboard the sled almost 40 feet behind. "If you put a dog at the front who is unhappy there, the rest of the team will feel it," Riddles said.

"The best sort of lead dog is keen but obeys your instructions. There's no point having a dog which is so smart it won't listen to you."

Thirty-one teams whooshed their way around the crunchy snow of Courmayeur, the only other noise being the commands from the musher and a strong panting from the huskies. The sight of a dozen dogs and a sled racing is deceptively tranquil: "The speed is awesome at times," Riddles said.

The Alpirod finishes in Asiagio, northern Italy, on February 5, snow and skiers permitting. The snow is encouraged, the minority of skiers not. Stages in eastern Switzerland and in the Black Forest near Todtmoos might be cancelled next week, but unless the "Greenhouse effect" or any other phenomenon stops the snow in 1990 or later into the decade, Riddles's prediction of the Alpirod becoming an "Iditarod of Europe" is on target.



1	23rd Jan	Courmayeur	30Km	7	31st Jan	Engadin-Maloja-Lavin	90Km
2	24th Jan	Susa-Moncenisio-Bessans	80Km	8	1st Jan	Livigno	70Km
3	25th Jan	Bramans-Bessans	70Km	9	2nd Feb	Moena-Canazei-Moena	70Km
4	27th Jan	Saignelegier	90Km	10	3rd Feb	Dobbiaco-Cortina	60Km
5	28th Jan	Saignelegier	90Km	11	4th Feb	Asiago-Altopiano Sette Comuni	200Km
6	29th Jan	Todtmoos	150Km		5th Feb		

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Cup
Fourth round

ston Villa v Wimbledon
lackburn v Sheffield Wed
radford v Hull
rentford v Man City
harlton v Kettering
rimsby v Reading
artlepool v Bournemouth
lan Utd v Oxford Utd
Vatford v Derby
lorwich v Sutton Utd
lottm Forest v Leeds
lymouth v Everton
heffield Utd v Colchester
toke v Barnsley
windon v West Ham

A CHALLENGE VASE: Fourth round replays: Thatcham Town v Tiverton Town; Harrogate v North Ferriby Utd.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Alfreton Town v Netherfield; Colne Dynamoes v Sutton Town; Droylsden v Bishop Auckland; Eastwood Hanley v Curzon Ashton; Farsley Celtic v Lancaster City; Irlam Town v Penrith; Leek Town v Accrington Stanley; Radcliffe v Eastwood Town; Whitley Bay v Congleton Town; Winsford Utd v Harrogate Town; Workington v Newtown.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division (2.30): Bootle v Prescot Cables; Burscough v Salford (3.0); Formby v Rossendale Utd; Knowsley Utd v St Helens Town; Warrington Town v Colwyn Bay.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Frome Town v Saltash Utd; Liskeard Ath v Minehead; Mangotsfield U v Welton Rovers; Paulton Rovers v Weston-super-Mare; Radstock Town v Chard Town; Swanage and Herston v Bristol Manor Farm; Taunton Town v Clevedon Town; Torrington v Dawlish Town.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridlington Trinity v Armthorpe Welfare; Denaby Utd v Belper Town (2.15); Emley v Ossett Albion; Guiseley v Hallam; Hatfield Main v Bridlington Town (2.15); Long Eaton Utd v Brigg Town (2.15); Pontefract Collieries v Thackley. League Cup: Second round replay: Drumfield Utd v Grimethorpe (2.0).

Barclays League
Third division

Bristol Rovers v Bolton
Bury v Fulham
Cardiff v Port Vale
Chesterfield v Northampton
Gillingham v Huddersfield
Mansfield v Blackpool
Preston v Bristol City
Southend v Aldershot

Fourth division

Burnley v Stockport
Cambridge Utd v Tranmere
Carlisle v Halifax
Darlington v Crewe
Exeter v Rochdale
Lincoln v Peterborough
Scarborough v Hereford
Scunthorpe v York
Torquay v Doncaster

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Ashtree Highfield v Dudley Town; Bridgnorth Town v Gloucester City; Coventry Sporting v Halesowen Town; Forest Green Rovers v Tamworth; Grantham Town v Rushden Town; Hednesford Town v Bilston Town; Nuneaton Borough v Kings Lynn; Stourbridge v Atherstone Utd; Wellingborough Town v Sutton Coldfield Town; Willenhall Town v Mile Oak Rovers. Southern division: Andover v Hounslow; Bury Town v Burnham; Canterbury City v Salisbury; Corinthian v Buckingham Town; Dunstable v Chelmsford City; Gravesend and Northfleet v Erith and Belvedere; Poole Town v Hastings Town; Ruislip v Folkestone; Sheppey Utd v Baldock Town; Trowbridge Town v Tonbridge AFC; Witney Town v Thanet Utd.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division (2.15): AFC Cardiff v Maesteg; Brecon v Abergavenny; Briton Ferry v Bridgend; Caerleon v Ebbw Vale; Milford v Barry; Pembroke v Aberystwyth; Pontllanfraith v Haverfordwest; Port Talbot v Ton Pentre.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chigwellians v Carthusians; Lancing v Malvernians; Reptonians v Cholmeleians. First division: Bradfieldians v Wellingborough; Citizens v Wykehamists; Westminster v Foresters. Arthur Dunn Cup: Second round: Etonians v Brentwoods.

Skol Cup
Quarter-final

Middlesbrough v C Palace

Scottish Cup
Third round

Celtic v Dumbarton
Clydebank v Montrose
Dundee v Dundee Utd
Dunfermline v Aberdeen
Falkirk v Motherwell
Forfar v Clyde
Alloa v Albion
Hearts v Ayr
Hibernian v Brechin
Morton v Airdrie
Partick v St Mirren
Queen of the South v Kilmarnock
Queen's Park v Stranraer
Raith v Rangers
St Johnstone v Stenhousemuir

SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia v Easington; Blythe Spartans v Crook Town; Chester le Street v Ferryhill Ath; Gretna v Durham City; North Shields v Guisborough; Shildon v Brandon Utd; South Bank v Seaham Red Star; Spennymoor Utd v Billingham Town; Stockton v Newcastle Blue Star; Whitby Town v Tow Law Town.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Chelsea v Millwall; Fulham v Norwich City; Gillingham v Tottenham; Ipswich Town v Arsenal; Leyton O v Charlton Ath; Portsmouth v Watford; QPR v West Ham Utd; Southend Utd v Cambridge Utd. Second division: Brentford v Wimbledon; Brighton v Bristol Rovers; Colchester Utd v Bristol City; Reading v Oxford Utd; Southampton v Luton Town; Swindon Town v Bournemouth; Tottenham v Crystal Palace.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Olympic City v Livingston; Solent v Hemel/Watford.
NATWEST TROPHY: Southern Quarter-final, first leg: Derby v Bracknell.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Men: Corby Flyers v Gateshead Vikings (8.0); Oldham Celtics v Brixton Topcats (8.0); Oxford Park v Worthing Bears (8.0); Plymouth Raiders v Birmingham Bullets (7.30). Women: Crystal Palace v Stockport (3.0); Kingston v Sheffield Hatters (6.0); London YMCA v Northampton (2.0)

B and Q Scottish League
Second division

East Fife v Berwick
East Stirling v Arbroath

GM Vauxhall Conference

Aylesbury v Maidstone
Enfield v Altrincham
Fisher v Barnet
Kettering v Yeovil
Macclesfield v Northwich
Newport v Wycombe
Runcorn v Boston
Stafford v Sutton Utd
Telford v Chorley
Weymouth v Welling

HOCKEY

Lada British Cities Indoor Tournament (Birmingham).

PERONI BEER SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier League: Amersham v Sevenoaks; Bognor v Lyons; Fareham v Aylesbury; Old Midwhits v Chichester; Old Tauntons v Marden R; Trojans v Lewes; Tunbridge Wells v Oxford Hawks; Winchester v Eastcote. Regionals: Hampshire/Surrey: Bournemouth and WH v Walton; Epsom v Fleet; Camberley v Weymouth; Goan v Basingstoke; Merton v US Portsmouth; Nat West Bank v Southampton University; Old Edwardians v Barnes; Woking v Met Police. Kent/Sussex: Brighton v Maidstone; Folkestone v Rochester and Gillingham; Gravesend v Burnt Ash; Middleton v Worthing; Old Beccehamians v Lloyds Bank; Old Williams v Old Bordens; Thames Poly v Mid-Sussex; Tonbridge v Herne Bay. Middx, Berks, Bucks and Oxon: Bracknell v High Wycombe; City of Oxford v Hayes; Harrow Town Swans v Gerrards Cross; Hendon v British Airways; Marlow v Tilehurst; OMT v Southgate Adelaide; Sunbury v NPL; Witney v Reading University.

MIDLANDS: Barford Tigers v Cheddesley Corbett; Beeston v Notts Gregory; Bridgnorth v Kidderminster; Bromsgrove v Pershore; Droitwich v Tenbury; Evesham v Kings Heath; Manchester Sports Club v Leek; O Silhillians v Pickwick; O Wulfrunians v Wolverhampton; Standard v GEC Coventry; West Bridgford v Bourne; Worcester Norton v Upton.

WOMEN: NatWest Essex League: First division: Chelmsford v Havering; Old Loughtonians v Clacton.

RUGBY UNION

Pilkington Cup
Third round

Aspatria v Moseley (2.15)
Bath v Oxford
Bedford v Nottingham
Blackheath v Waterloo (2.15)
Bristol v Orrell
Brixham v Gloucester (2.30)
Gosforth v Wakefield (2.0)
Havant v Hereford (2.30)
Liverpool St H v Leicester (2.30)
L Irish v Berry Hill (2.30)
L Scottish v Saracens (12.30)
Richmond v Northampton (2.30)
Rosslyn Pk v Plymouth Alb (2.30)
Rugby v Harlequins (2.30)
Wasps v Durham (2.30)

Schweppes Welsh Cup
Fifth round

Cardiff v Aberavon Quins
Ebbw Vale v Abertillery
Glamorgan Wdrs v Taffs Well
Glynneath v Bridgend (2.30)
Llanharan v Sth Wales Police (2.30)
Neath v Blaina
Newport v Newbridge
Pontypridd v Llanelli

McEwan's National League

Ayr v Edinburgh Acads (2.30)
Boroughmuir v Heriot's FP (2.30)
Glasgow H/Kelv v Melrose (2.30)
Hawick v Watsonians (2.30)
Jed-Forest v Glasgow Acads (2.30)
Stewart's Mel FP v Selkirk (2.30)
West of Scotland v Kelso (2.30)

Club matches

Broughton Park v Otley (2.30)
Cross Keys v Tredegar
Fylde v Roundhay (2.30)
Hull and ER v Manchester (2.15)
Maesteg v Met Police
Northern v Hartlepool R (2.15)
Oxford Univ v Nuneaton
Sale v Winnington Park (2.45)
Sheffield v Kendal (2.30)
Swansea v L Welsh

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST. First division: Ipswich v Guildford and Godalming; North Walsham v Dartfordians; Old Gaytonians v Basingstoke; Ruislip v Streat-ham/Croydon; US Portsmouth v Lewes. Second division north: Bishop's Stortford v Barking; Norwich v Old Merchant Taylors; Thurrock v Old Albanians; Upper Clapton v Grasshoppers; Woodford v Hertford. Second division south: Esher v Purley; Gravesend v Camberley; Old Brockleians v Worthing; Old Reigatian v Old Mid-Whitgiftians; Tunbridge Wells v KCS OB. Third division north east: Chingford v Brentwood; Eton Manor v Old Cantabrigian; Met Police, Chigwell v Ipswich YMCA; Old Westcliffians v Colchester; West Norfolk v Cambridge. Third division north west: Bacavians v Kingsburian; Finchley v Hemel Hempstead; Letchworth v Hendon; St Mary's Hospital v Harrow; Tabard v Mill Hill. Third division south east: Beckenham v Old Dunstonian, Bognor v Old Juddian, Charlton Park v East Grinstead, Horsham v Crawley, Old Colfeians v Old Beccehamians. Third division south west: Gosport v Eastleigh; Guy's Hospital v Winchester; Old Whitgiftians v Alton; Old Emanuel v Jersey; Portsmouth v Old Guildfordians. Eastern Counties: Basildon v Romford and GP; Bury St Edmunds v Canvey Island; Crusaders v Harlow; Lowestoft and Yar v Ely; Rochford v Redbridge. Middlesex first division: Hampstead v Old Paulines; Lensbury v Centaurs; London New Zealand v Old Abbotstonians; Twickenham v Staines; Uxbridge v Sudbury Court. Hertfordshire first division: Old Verulamians v Harpenden; Royston v Old Ashmoleans; Stevenage v Barnet; Welwyn v Old Elizabethans. Kent first division: Betteshanger v Tonbridge; Bromley v Old Elthamians; Park House v Gillingham Anch; Snowdown Colliery v Erith; Thanet Wanderers v Medway. Sussex first division: Burgess Hill v Haywards Heath; Brighton v Sussex Police; Chichester v Eastbourne; Seaford v Hellingly; Uckfield v Hove. Hampshire first division: Esso v Sandown and Shanklin; Fareham Heathens v Rushmoor; Fordingbridge v Trojans; Isle of Wight v Guernsey; Tottonians v Southampton. Surrey first division: Cranleigh v Old Wimbledonians, Merton v Old Cranleighans, Old Blues v Dorking, Old Rutlishians v Old Tiffinians, Old Surbitonians v Warlingham.

NORTH: Yorkshire Shield: Quarter-finals: Acklam v North Ribblesdale; Bridlington v Cleckheaton; Driffield v York RI; West Park Bramhope v Goole. Club matches: Airebronians v Hullensians; Baildon v Sheffield Oaks; Beverley v Hessle; Birkenhead Park v Lichfield; Bradford Salem v Leodiensians; Castleford v Selby; Doncaster v Chesterfield; East Retford v Keyworth; Grimsby v Hemsworth; Heath v Sheffield Tigers; Heaton Moor v Kersal; Hope Valley v Old Rishworthians; Huddersfield v Headingley; Huddersfield YMCA v Ionians; Hull and ER v Manchester; Knottingley v Dinnington; Leeds University v Scarborough; Leigh v Burton; Littleborough v Sedgley Park; Lymm v West Park; Maltby OB v Rowntrees; Malton and Norton v Northallerton; Manchester University v Widnes; Marist v BP Chemicals; Old Aldwinians v Barnsley; Old Brodleians v Old Hymerians; Oldham v Burnage; Old Modernians v Ilkley; Old Otliensians v West Leeds; Pocklington v Scunthorpe; Rodillians v Moortown; Roundhegians v Sheffield Extras; Rotherham v York; Sandal v Pontefract; Sheffield v Kendal; Southport v Hightown; Thornensians v Metlodic Tydesley v Mid Cheshire College; Warrington v Chester; Wath v Hull and ER Spartan; Wensleydale v Gosforth Greyhounds; Westoe v Alnwick; Wetherby v Harrogate Georgians; Wharfedale v Ripon; Whitby v Hartlepool TDS; Wigan v Aspull; Wilmslow v Stockton; Worksop v Yarnbury.

WEST: Gloucestershire Cup: Quarter-finals: Coney Hill v Spartans; Lydney v Clifton. Club matches: Ashley Down v BAC; Avonmouth v Dings Crusaders; Barton Hill v Chipping Sodbury; Bath Spartans v Bath OE; Bideford v Exeter Saracens; Bishopston v Drybrook; Bridgewater Albion v Devon and Cornwall Police; Bristol Saracens v Melksham; Broad Plain v Bath CS; Camborne v Hayle; Camborne SOM Old Boys v Camborne SOM; Cheddar v Winscombe; Cheltenham v Devonport Services; Clevedon v Taunton Utd; Clifton Wanderers v Kingswood; Cotham Park v Aretians; Exmouth v Crediton; Falmouth v Weston-super-Mare; Frome v Dorchester; Illogan Park v Wadebridge Camels; Launceston v St Austell; Midsomer Norton v Oldfield; Morganians v Bridgwater Utd; Newton Abbot v Exeter University Extras; Newquay Hornets v Penzance and Newlyn; O Bristolians v Frampton Cotterell; O Bristolians Utd v O Ashtonians; O Cothamians v Blagdon; O Culverhaysians v Longlevens; O Elizabethans v Avonvale; O Redcliffians v Combe Down; Perranporth v Camborne XV; Plymouth Albion Extras v Truro; Redruth XV v Veor; St.Bernadettes OB v Bristol Harlequins; St Ives v Redruth; St Day v RNAS Culdrose; St Just v Redruth Albany; Saltash v Totnes; Stroud v Brixham; Teignmouth v Bodmin; Thornbury v Gordano; Tiverton v Penryn; Truro v Barnstaple; Whitehall v North Bristol; Walcot OB v Chippenham; Wellington v Sidmouth; Wells v Bristol Telephones; Yatton v Imperial.

IRELAND. Ulster: Digital Senior League, Section one: Bangor v Instonians; CIYMS v NIFC; Malone v Ballymena. Section two: City of Derry v Armagh; Portadown v Dungannon; Queens University v Collegians. Senior club matches: Academy v Cooke; Ards v Clontarf. Leinster: Senior League. Section A: Bective Rangers v Terenure College: Greystones v St Mary's College; Lansdowne v Old Wesley; Wanderers v Dublin Univ (Merrion Road). Section B: Monkstown v Blackrock College; Skerries v Old Belvedere; University College Dublin v DLSP.

SCOTLAND: McEwan's National League: First division: Ayr v Edinburgh Academicals; Boroughmuir v Heriots FP; Glasgow High/Kelvinside v Melrose; Hawick v Watsonians; Jed-Forest v Glasgow Academicals; Stewarts/Melville FP v Selkirk; West of Scotland v Kelso. Second division: Corstorphine v Hillhead/Jordanhill; Dalziel HSFP v Stirling County; Edinburgh Wanderers v Currie; Howe of Fife v Dunfermline; Kilmarnock v Preston Lodge FP; Langholm v Gala; Musselburgh v Portobello FP. Third division: Biggar v Trinity Academicals; Clarkston v Greenock Wanderers; Dundee HSFP v Aberdeen GSFP; East Kilbride v Morgan Academy FP; Gordonians v Royal High; Kirkcaldy v Haddington. Fourth division: Carthe Queens Park v Peebles; Grangemouth v St Boswells; Hutchesons v Cambuslang; Lenzie v Dumfries; Linlithgow v Leith Academicals; Perthshire v Alloa; Wigtownshire v Edinburgh University. Fifth division: Ardrossan Academicals v Broughton FP; Glenrothes v Murrayfield; Hillfoots v Aberdeen University; Lismore v Penicuik; Livingston v Marr; Moray v Madras College FP; Paisley v Dunbar.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Hull v Castleford.

RODSTOCK NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP. Quarter-final: Wigan St Patricks v West Hull. Semi-final: Egremont v Pilkington.

BOWLS

Hampshire v Devon (Exonia and Exmouth); Somerset v Mansfield (Bristol); Wiltshire v Gloucestershire (Thamesdown).

ATHLETICS

DAIRY CREST GAMES: GB v West Germany (Glasgow).

TOMORROW

3.0 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Cup
Fourth round

Millwall v Liverpool (3.05)

Scottish FA Cup
Third round

Meadowbank v Hamilton

Barclays League
Third division

Notts Co v Wolverhampton (12.0)

LITTLEWOODS CUP: Third round: Barnet v Dover (12.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Barrow v Huddersfield; Carlisle v Mansfield (2.30); Chorley v Thatto Heath; Dewsbury v Oldham (2.30); Doncaster v Wigan; Fulham v Bradford; Rochdale v Hull KR; Runcorn v Keighley; Salford v Widnes; Sheffield v Leigh (3.15); Swinton v St Helens; Wakefield v Batley (3.30); Warrington v Halifax; Whitehaven v Featherstone (3.30); York v Leeds (at York, 3.30).

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Hunslet v Bramley (3.30).

RUGBY UNION

LEICESTERSHIRE CUP: Semi-final: Oadby Wyggestonians v Stoneygate (Vipers RFC, 2.0).
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CUP: Semi-finals: Paviors v Mansfield; Southwell v Newark.

BOWLS

Cornwall v Devon (Newquay); Surrey v Middlesex (Richmond).

HANDBALL

BRITISH CUP. First round (Men): Liverpool v Wolves Poly '83; Kirkby Select v Ashford Tanners; Strathclyde University v Coventry. Women: Wolves Poly '83 v Halewood Town Ladies.
BRITISH LEAGUE (Men): Manchester United SSS v Birkenhead; Leicester 73 v Ruislip Eagles. Women: Ruislip Eagles v Manchester United SSS.

HOCKEY

Lada British Cities Indoor Tournament (Birmingham).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Leicester v Crystal Palace; Glasgow v Manchester.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Men: Gateshead Vikings v Worthing Bears (4.0); Tower Hamlets v Oldham Celtics (4.0). Women: Brixton Lady Topcats v Cardiff (4.0); Crystal Palace v London Jets (3.0); London YMCA v Tyneside (2.0); Nottingham v Stockport (4.0); Northampton v Ipswich (3.30).

CRICKET

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Sheffield v Manchester (5.0); Peterborough v Solihull (6.30); Dartford v Tottenham (3.0); Rochdale v Hull (1.0); Hounslow v Ipswich (1.0); Leeds v Wolverhampton (5.45); Wellingborough v Walsall (6.30).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division (6.30): Durham v Nottingham; Murrayfield v Whitley; Peterborough v Tayside; Solihull v Ayr; Streatham v Fife (6.15).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division: Men: Time Out Spark v Hilton Leeds; WH White Pool v Staffordshire Moorlands. Women: Ashcombe Syenco v Spark; Britannia v Brixton Knights; MGI Wessex v Southsea Scorpians; Birmingham AI v Portsmouth Heatseal.

LACROSSE

Brine Northern League: First division: O Hulmeians v O Waconians; Sheffield v Rochdale; Sheffield University v Stockport; Timperley v Heaton Mersey. Avon Insurance Senior Flags: Second round: Mellor v Sale.

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE (Men): Birkenhead v Tryst '77; Olympia Cannock v Ashford Tanners.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division: Men: WH White Poole v Malory; Liverpool City v Bradford; Reebok Redwood Lodge v Staffordshire Moorlands; Polonia v Hilton Leeds; Star Aquila v Time Out Spark; Capital City v Speedwell Rucanor.
ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Men: Elliott Sports Jets v Team Fife; Team Novasport DV v Team Scottish Farm; East Kilbride v Su Ragazzi; Bellshill Cardinals v Bon Accord. Women: Provincial Insurance v Team Scottish Farm; Wheatsheaf Jets v Falkirk; Larbert Ladies v Inverclyde; Kyle v Glasgow Bannerman; Carluke Brannock v Deloitte Hazlehead.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr v Murrayfield (7.0); Fife v Durham (7.15); Nottingham v Tayside (6.30); Whitley v Peterborough (6.30).

SPORT ON TV

Today

ATHLETICS: ITV 2.10-4.15 p.m. Great Britain v West Germany in the Dairy Crest Games from Kelvin Hall, Glasgow.
GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12-15-5.05 pm: Football: preview of the FA Cup. Racing: 1.15, 1.50 and 2.25 races from Cheltenham. Snooker: Benson and Hedges Masters. Tennis: Australian Open Women's Final. Rugby League: Hull v Castleford in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.
MATCH OF THE DAY: BBC 1 10.25-11.25 pm. Highlights of the FA Cup Fourth round.
RACING: C4 1.05-3.10 p.m. The 1.15, 1.45, 2.20 and 2.50 races from Doncaster.
SAINT AND GREAVSIE: ITV 1.05-1.40 p.m. Results service: 4.45 p.m.
SNOOKER: BBC2 4.40-6.20 pm, BBC1 11.25 pm-1.0 am. Benson and Hedges Masters from Wembley.

Tomorrow

FOOTBALL: BBC1 3.0-4.55 p.m. Millwall v Liverpool in the FA Cup fourth round. Major Indoor Soccer League ITV 3.30-4.30 a.m. (Monday).
RUGBY SPECIAL: BBC2 4.55-5.45 p.m. Rugby v Harlequins and Pontypridd v Llanelli.
SKIING: BBC2 5.45-6.05.
SNOOKER: BBC2 2.0-2.20 p.m., 6.05-6.35 p.m., 9.20-9.45. BBC1 11.20 p.m.-12.20 a.m Benson and Hedges Masters from Wembley.
TENNIS: BBC2 12.50-2.0 p.m. Australian Open men's final.

ATHLETICS

Selection problem made easy

By Barry Trowbridge

There is no doubt that the late withdrawal of Steve Tunstall from the 57th staging of the Counties Athletic Union inter-counties cross country championship at Derby this afternoon will weaken the contest at the head of the field, but it removes a potential selection problem over the forthcoming world championships in Stavanger.

The very nature of today's race — one between selected teams — should produce a winner of the highest pedigree, one who should at least be considered for a British vest in Norway. With Tunstall still ineligible to run for Britain under international rules, however, there would have been a case for the runner-up at Allestree Park (assuming Tunstall had won) to lobby for a place in the team. That, though, is the sort of problem the selectors can well do without.

The official trials for Stavanger are at Gateshead in two weeks' time, so the field today will be more first than premier division, but Steve Jones is a declared starter and it will be interesting to monitor his form between lucrative marathons.

Better known as a road runner these days, Jones is no slouch over the country. Ten years ago, in the snow and slush at Luton, he became the first runner representing a Welsh county, Gwent, to win the inter-counties, and he won again at Leicester two years later. He also holds a bronze medal from the 1984 world championship.

Like tennis and golf, athletics is a year-round sport these days, but it seems a pity that a meeting as prestigious as the inter-counties should be subject to fixture clashes. Last year, the trials for the world championships were held on the same afternoon; today, Tunstall dons a British vest for the first time indoors at Glasgow, itself an interesting prospect.

In an event that generates plenty of team rivalry, Lancashire, even without Tunstall, will be looking for their twentieth victory since 1960. But Middlesex won last year and their manager, David Bedford, has never been known to go down without a fight.

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CYCLING

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By Peter Bryan

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BASKETBALL

EBBA to rule on abandoned cup-tie

By Julian Desborough

RUGBY LEAGUE

Favourites prepare their cup routes

By Keith Macklin

The journey to the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley begins with the first round ties this weekend. Last season's finalists, Wigan and Halifax, go into tomorrow's games with varying prospects. Wigan are confident of a return trip to Wembley, while Halifax have fallen from grace, wallowing at the foot of the first division, and have a difficult tie at Warrington.

Wigan do not appear to have too much of a problem at Doncaster. However, the Dons are the most improved side in either division and in the past few seasons have produced cup surprises against Salford and Hull Kingston Rovers. Wigan will do well to avoid complacency, though Graham Lowe's squad is virtually back to full strength.

Like all Rugby Union converts, Jonathan Davies longs to tread the Wembley stage, but his first taste of Challenge Cup Rugby League is likely to be as a substitute in the all-ticket tie at Salford.

The Widnes coach, Doug Laughton, is showing great shrewdness in grooming Davies, following a reserve team game against Warrington last night. Salford showed improved form last week against Leeds, and are quite capable of overturning Widnes at The Willows and avenging their 50-8 defeat at Naughton Park.

Two other cup favourites, St Helens and Leeds, travel to face second division opposition. Alex Murphy, the St Helens coach, has warned his players not to under-estimate Swinton, and the Leeds coach, Malcolm Reilly, will no doubt have issued a similar warning to his squad for the visit to York.

However, the Leeds task may be rendered a little easier by the fact that York have decided to switch the tie from their own ground with its paltry 3,000 capacity to the football ground at Bootham Crescent.

Giant-killers are not likely to abound tomorrow, but there are slight possibilities of surprises at Whitehaven and Rochdale. Whitehaven are in good form at the moment, and they will give Featherstone Rovers, from the first division, a considerable run for their money at the narrow Recreation Ground.

Hull Kingston Rovers are having such a dismal run at the moment that they cannot relish a trip anywhere, and Rochdale Hornets will not lie down easily at Spotland. The remaining amateur club Thatto Heath travel to Chorley without much hope of either success or a big return at the turnstiles. However, to have reached this stage is an achievement in itself.

TENNIS: CZECHOSLOVAK DRAINED OF ALL STRENGTH AFTER SURVIVING GRILLLING DAY IN THE OVEN HEAT OF AUSTRALIAN OPEN COURT

Lendl is burnt to a frazzle

From Richard Evans
Melbourne

There was no glib talk about the pressure of international sport at Flinders Park yesterday, when the pressure of playing in the semi-final of the Australian Open was compounded by being confined to a veritable oven, with an on-court surface temperature soaring to 57°C.

The temperature all but fried Ivan Lendl's chances of claiming his first Australian title and he may have been no more than one point away from meltdown when Thomas Muster, of Austria, missed a sitter of a smash on game point at 5-5 in the fourth set. Lendl survived to win a body-bending encounter 6-2, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5 and in tomorrow's final will meet Miloslav Mecir, who beat Jan Gunnarson, of Sweden, 7-5, 6-2, 6-2.

With Helena Sukova lining up as Steffi Graf's opponent today, this means that three of the four singles finalists will be Czechoslovak-born players — as was the case at the US Open in 1986.

Lendl would not have survived a fifth set against Muster. The match had been a brutal examination of stamina as well as the ability to pound a heavy tennis ball through rally after rally as both men tried to batter the other into submission. Muster had been outclassed at the start as Lendl continued from where he had left off against John McEnroe — hitting winners to the far corners of the court.



Two-handed elegance: Mecir rallying from a shaky start to dominate his semi-final and put a Czech stamp on the final

But Muster, much to the consternation of Australians whose Davis Cup team flies to Vienna next week, proved rugged and resilient. Despite a three-minute break to deal with a nose bleed in the second set, the Austrian left-hander slowly started sapping Lendl's strength as he hit with ever-increasing power and accuracy — often forcing the Czechoslovak to play shoulder-height returns as he plied his drives with still greater lashings of top spin. As the third set wore on, Muster began to win more than his fair share of the rallies.

Midway through the fourth set it became obvious that Lendl was moving at half-pace and relying more and more on his big service to keep him in the match. At 40-30, 5-5, Muster waited under a very short, high return and, with the entire court to aim at, smashed the ball straight down on top of the net, from where it bounced back into his court. He let out a scream of agony, double-faulted and never won another point.

With his blond crew-cut, high, sunburned forehead and baggy shorts, Muster looked like a survivor of Rommel's desert army by the time he walked into the press room, admitting it was the hottest match he had ever played.

"My feet were on fire," he said, "it was like a sauna out there but I sensed Lendl was tiring and in a fifth set who knows what might have happened. I am fit and I was not too tired despite the heat."

"Lendl was dead. He could hardly move in the locker-room." That piece of information was offered by Gunnarson after his predictable defeat by Mecir, who looked extremely unhappy at the outset but recovered from 2-5 in the first set to dominate the match with typically elegant stroke-play.

Results

SINGLES: Men: Semi-finals: I Lendl (Cz) bt T Muster (Austria), 6-2, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5; M Mecir (Cz) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 7-5, 6-2, 6-2. Boys: Quarter-finals: J Anderson (Aus) bt D Dier (WG), 4-6, 6-0, 6-2; N Kulti (Swe) bt M Damm (Cz), 7-5, 3-6, 6-0; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt B Richardson (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; J Morgan (Aus) bt M Brown (Aus), 6-3, 6-4. Girls: Quarter-finals: E Svigletova (Cz) bt J-A Fauli (Aus), 7-5, 7-5; A Farley (US) bt R Stubbs (Aus), 6-3, 6-2; K Kessaris (US) bt L Poruri (US), 6-7, 6-3, 7-5; K Godridge (Aus) bt B Potter (Aus), 6-1, 6-4.
DOUBLES: Women: Semi-finals: M Navratilova and P Shriver (US) bt J Novotna and H Sukova (Cz), 6-4, 7-5; P Fendick (US) and J Hetherington (Can) bt S Graf (WG) and G Sabatini (Arg), 6-3, 7-6. Mixed: Semi-finals: S Stewart and Z Garrison (US) bt P Dopham (Aus) and E Burgin (US), 4-6, 7-6, 6-4. Boys: Quarter-finals: J Cash and W O'Neil (Aus) bt A Hunt and M Zorzich (NZ), 6-4, 6-4; J Morgan and A Kratzmann (Aus) bt B Richardson and M Brown (Aus), 7-6, 1-6, 6-3; T Woodbridge and J Anderson (Aus) bt M Draper and R Denman (Aus), 6-1, 6-2; D Rikl and M Damm (Cz) bt D Ireland and D Draper (GB), 6-1, 5-7, 6-3. Girls: Quarter-finals: J Hodder and K-A Johnston (Aus) bt L Stacey and J Taylor (Aus), 6-2, 6-3; A Smandova and E Svigletova (Cz) bt L Nejasmic and M Nejasmic (Aus), 6-4, 6-2; K Kessaris and L Poruri (US) bt K-A Guse and K Godridge (Aus), 2-6, 6-4, 7-5; A Woolcock and N Pratt (Aus) bt B Potter and R Stubbs (Aus), 7-5, 7-5.

The grand slam and the door to tennis greatness

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The Australian championships, the first grand slam tournament of the year, should provide Steffi Graf with 25 per cent of a unique feat. No woman has twice completed a grand slam of the four major singles titles. Graf is good enough to do it; and in consecutive years at that.

When Donald Budge set out to win all four championships in 1938, he kept the ambition to himself. He had the concept but not the label. The grand slam tag was a later invention by the media, who borrowed the bridge term for winning all the tricks.

Until 1983 a grand slam had no official definition and no official status, but it was commonly accepted that the feat had to be achieved within a calendar year.

That unwritten understanding became untenable in the 1970s and 1980s. The Australian championships were played earlier and either overlapped two calendar years (by beginning in December and ending in January) or were played from November to December.

The International Tennis Federation responded by defining a grand slam for the first time. Reverting to the bridge idea, the ITF decreed that a grand slam consisted of winning all the tricks; that is, holding all four titles at the same time, irrespective of dates.

This decision caused heated argument. There is irony in the fact that the Australian championships have since settled back into their traditional January time slot, which means that the calendar year concept has regained its validity.

The ITF ruling could not be retroactive. We have to respect the unwritten definition as applied to pre-1983 grand slams.

The notable beneficiaries of the ITF's four-in-a-row formula were Martina Navratilova (who achieved a singles grand slam from 1983 to 1984) and Navratilova and Pam Shriver, who won four consecutive doubles titles on three occasions, from 1983 to 1987.

Under the calendar-year system, grand slams have been achieved in singles by Budge (1938), Maureen Connolly (1953), Rod Laver (1962 and 1969), Margaret Court (1970), and Graf (1988).

Ken McGregor and Frank Sedgman achieved a doubles grand slam in 1951 and Navratilova and Shriver did so in 1984. Maria Bueno also completed a women's doubles grand slam, in 1960, but with two partners. Margaret Court and Ken Fletcher achieved the feat in the 1963 mixed doubles series and Owen Davidson weighed in, with the help of two partners, in the 1967 mixed doubles.

The tables below list the players who have won most titles in the four grand slam championships.

GRAND SLAM TITLE WINNERS

The three figures in the columns below refer to victories in singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

	Australia	France	Wimbledon	US	Totals
WOMEN					
Margaret Court	11-8-2	5-4-4	3-2-5	5-5-8	24-19-19 = 62
Martina Navratilova	3-7-0	2-7-2	8-7-1	4-7-2	17-28-5 = 50
Billie Jean King	1-0-1	1-1-2	6-10-4	4-5-4	12-16-11 = 39
Margaret DuPont	0-0-0	2-3-0	1-5-1	3-13-9	6-21-10 = 37
Louise Brough	1-1-0	0-3-0	4-5-4	1-12-4	6-21-8 = 35
Doris Hart	1-1-2	2-5-3	1-4-5	2-4-5	6-14-15 = 35
Helen Wills Moody	0-0-0	4-2-0	8-3-1	7-4-2	19-9-3 = 31
Elizabeth Ryan	0-0-0	0-4-0	0-12-7	0-1-2	0-17-9 = 26
Chris Evert	2-0-0	7-2-0	3-1-0	6-0-0	18-3-0 = 21
Suzanne Lenglen	0-0-0	2-2-2	6-6-3	0-0-0	8-8-5 = 21
Darlene Hard	0-0-0	1-3-2	0-4-3	2-6-0	3-13-5 = 21
MEN					
Roy Emerson	6-3-0	2-6-0	2-3-0	2-4-0	12-16-0 = 28
John Newcombe	2-5-0	0-3-0	3-8-0	2-3-1	7-17-1 = 25
Frank Sedgman	2-2-2	0-2-2	1-3-2	2-2-2	5-9-8 = 22
Bill Tilden	0-0-0	0-0-1	3-1-0	7-5-4	10-6-5 = 21
Rod Laver	3-4-0	2-1-1	4-1-2	2-0-0	11-6-3 = 20
John Bromwich	2-8-1	0-0-0	0-2-2	0-3-1	2-13-4 = 19
Ken Rosewall	4-3-0	2-2-0	0-2-0	2-2-1	8-9-1 = 18
Jean Borotra	1-1-1	1-5-2	2-3-1	0-0-1	4-9-5 = 18
Neale Fraser	0-3-1	0-3-0	1-2-0	2-3-3	3-11-4 = 18
Fred Stolle	0-3-1	1-2-0	0-2-3	1-3-2	2-10-6 = 18

The figures for Lenglen and Borotra do not include French titles won (before 1925) when the championships were restricted to members of French clubs.

Norman de Mesquita says British ice hockey coaches are in a difficult position

Taking a fine line on discipline

Garry Unger played in North America's National Hockey League with distinction for 16 seasons and, between February 1968 and December 1979, established a record run of 914 consecutive games in the toughest ice hockey competition in the world.

In the autumn of 1985 he joined Dundee Tigers, of the Heineken British League, and helped them to fourth place in the premier division and to the final of the championships at Wembley.

He then moved to Peterborough Pirates, led them to promotion from division one in his first season and scored the deciding goal which kept them in the premier division in the closing minutes of the final game of last season. He then decided that, at the age of 40, his playing days were over. He was appointed non-playing coach of the Pirates.

Last Friday, however, he was relieved of his coaching duties and one of the reasons given for his lack of success is that he is "too nice a guy".

Players have been suggesting that more discipline is needed in the club, but Mark Didcott, whose coaching skills enabled Streatham Redskins to survive in the premier division last season, was not re-engaged by the south London team because he was considered too much of a disciplinarian.

Didcott admits that he was tough on the youngsters, but I am not alone in thinking that they have become much better players because of that discipline. But the Streatham committee, besides being too large and unwieldy, includes several parents who perhaps listen too keenly to the complaints of their offspring.

Didcott is now engaged in trying to turn the Richmond Flyers into a respectable team and is happy at not having to answer to a committee. "Discipline is necessary, but it is difficult because you have no hold on the players," he says. "There are too many clubs and not enough players. Yes, I was tough on the youngsters, and they did not like it."

After Peterborough Pirates had squandered an 8-2 lead and had to be content with a 10-10 draw with Streatham Redskins earlier this month Unger was full of disappointment and frustration.

"When I was a player," he said, "I could go out there and do something about it. Now, I stand behind the bench and hope that the players will do what I tell them."

The Pirates' leading scorer, the Canadian, Wayne Crawford, has been one of the main critics of Unger's coaching methods and he has also shown himself to be lacking in self-discipline.

He indulged in the most appalling behaviour at the end of that Streatham game and should have been disciplined by his coach, even if the referee seemed to ignore his display of petulance.

But what can a coach do in British ice hockey? His team has only three imported players and they are, obviously, his most important players. Having recently suspended one of his young British players for disciplinary reasons, Unger should have treated Crawford similarly.

Yet how would the supporters have reacted? They would have pilloried the coach. The player might well have decided to quit the team and return to Canada, and Peterborough Pirates would have seen the rest of their season become an even greater struggle.

That is the dilemma for British ice hockey, a semi-professional game run by amateurs.

If the coach is too strict, the young players complain and their parents wield enough power to send the coach packing. If the coach is not strict enough, the older players complain and have enough power to have him removed.

Happily, Unger is held in sufficiently high esteem by the Peterborough committee that he is to be retained by the club in an advisory capacity, yet to be defined.

The British game is need of all the help it can get, and men of Unger's background and experience must be encouraged to provide it.

CYCLING

No French connection for Hoban

By Peter Bryan

Neil Hoban, the British amateur road racing champion, has abandoned plans to make his headquarters in France after the club he was joining made it clear that his release for important home events could not be guaranteed.

Instead, Hoban will still spend the greater part of the season abroad, but will be based with a Dutch club near Hilversum. "The national coach, Doug Dailey, knows of my new plans and has encouraged me to go to Holland," Hoban said. "If I have the form, I have been told that I can expect selection for the Tour of Texas in April and the Milk Race in May."

Hoban, who rode at the Olympic Games in Seoul, does not intend to race in Britain before going to The Netherlands on March 3, because of the long season ahead.

Gary Sutton, of Australia, the winner of the world amateur points championship in 1980, is signing for the PMS-Falcon team this year. He will join his brother, Sean, the leader of the squad.

If PMS-Falcon are one of the three British professional teams selected for the Milk Race, their manager, Keith Lambert, plans to name the Suttons for the event.

Lambert, still recovering from fractures of the skull, said that Gary Sutton, who has made a successful comeback to racing after a two-year absence, will arrive in Britain in early May.

The SkyDome raises hopes

There is an impressive building rising on the Toronto skyline to rival the CN Tower, and as the SkyDome grows, so, too, do Ontarians' hopes that their city, rather than Athens, will stage the Centennial Olympics in 1996.

The thinking of the Canadians in this sprawling, sports-mad city is that when the International Olympic Committee (IOC) comes to make a decision, Athens will win the sentimental vote, Toronto the votes of logic. The optimistic Ontarians seem to have forgotten the opposition of the other candidate cities, Melbourne, Atlanta, Belgrade and Manchester. They also seem to have forgotten the huge debts left to Montreal after that city hosted the 1976 Olympics.

The SkyDome, for example, is expected to cost £470 million, £130 million over the original budget. But such amounts are easily overlooked when sums such as the £174 million paid for television rights to this year's Calgary Winter Olympics are taken into consideration.

The Calgary Games produced a £33 million surplus, and NBC's successful offer of £226 million to cover the Games in Barcelona in 1992 has caused the Toronto organizing committee to do some hasty revising of its estimates: "Calgary made so much money, they don't know where to hide it," Paul Henderson, the president of the Toronto Ontario Olympic Council (TOOC), said recently, and £367 million is the price now expected from television rights to any Toronto Games.

Considering that the SkyDome arena is already paid for, it that could mean that such Games would be safe from a repeat of the Montreal nightmare. That is not to say, however, that the funding of the SkyDome itself is not without controversy.

THE WORLD OF SPORT

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This imposing edifice at the foot of the CN Tower, overlooking Lake Ontario, and with a moveable roof, the SkyDome is a symbol of the city's pride in its rapid growth over the past 25 years. Designed as the home of the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team and the Toronto Argonauts, of the Canadian Football League, the SkyDome would serve as the venue for the Games' opening ceremony should Toronto win the IOC vote next year.

Part-funded by the federal government, the rest of the finance for the vast building was sought from commercial concerns. Only now is it emerging that, for an average £2.4 million investment, most of the industrial backers have been given long leases — many lasting 97 years — on concessions within the SkyDome.

Already, the squabbling for a piece of the action has begun. There is growing dispute between the Argos and the Blue Jays over which team would have preferential rights to fixtures at the SkyDome, where the baseball team is due to play its first match next June and where the Grey Cup — Canada's Super Bowl — is also to be staged this year.

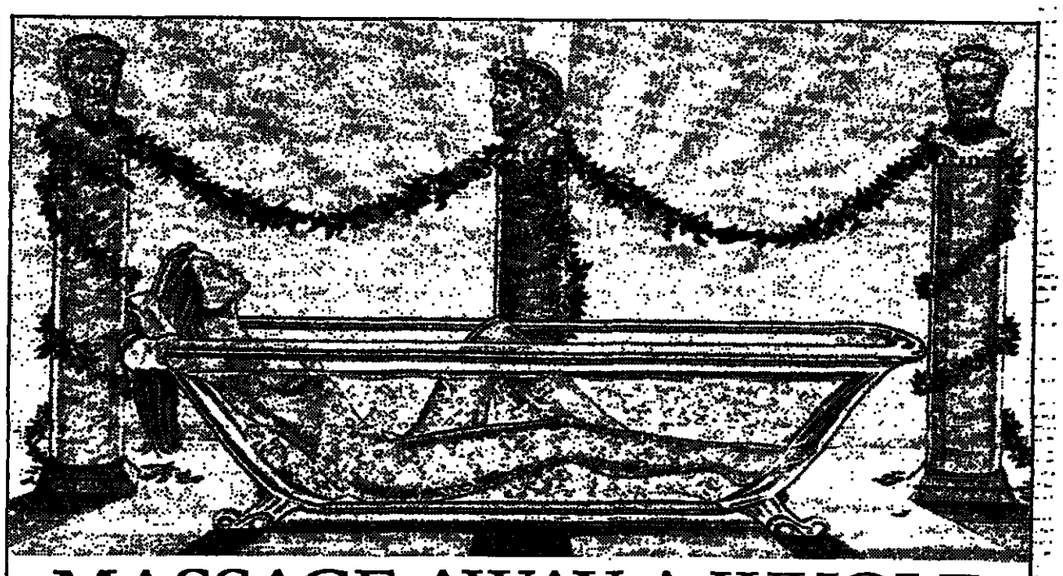
Such arguments are unlikely to sway the IOC vote too much, however. "Our problem is our own Canadian paranoia," Henderson said. "We tend not to stand up and say how good we are." With £5.7 million to spend on the city's bid in the next 18 months, the Canadians may just be able to afford a little self-selling job to the IOC members who visit the city and the other proposed Games sites around Lake Ontario.

Whether any visiting IOC members will fail to notice Canada's biggest sporting embarrassment, though, is less certain. A poll of Canadian sports writers placed Ben Johnson fifth as their sportsman of 1988. Canadians, it seems, still do not know whether to berate or forgive their former hero.

The federal inquiry, under Mr Justice Charles Dubin, was reconvened this month, although it could be some time before Johnson is called to testify. The latest twist in the saga is that Carl Lewis — surely the world's fastest hostile witness — will be called to give evidence.

The TOOC must fear that unless the Dubin inquiry concludes that Johnson is the drug-taking exception in Canadian sport, the most shameful incident in the Seoul Olympics will cost them more than a single gold medal.

Steven Downes



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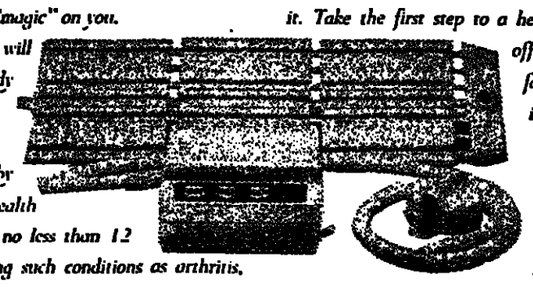
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Childhood of the Champions: PFA secretary Gordon Taylor

Growing up in the days of heroes

By Mick Cleary

The classroom door opened and in strode the headmaster. His voice boomed out: "Taylor. Stand up immediately." Eight-year-old Gordon Taylor, knees visibly knocking, jumped out of his seat. His classmates turned to watched his ordeal. The headmaster flung the object he had been holding behind his back straight at Taylor.

The black and amber shirt wrapped itself around his face. "It's all thine lad, make sure you treat it with pride," the head said and turned on his heels.

"He was quite a man of the theatre, was our headmaster," Taylor recalls. "He was right though, I've rarely had a prouder moment than when he told me I was first playing for Mossley Road Primary School. A great memory."

There have been many more since in a playing career which spanned almost 20 years from Bolton to Bury via Birmingham and Blackburn. Ironically, Taylor, who will be 44 next Wednesday, has perhaps achieved greater fame in his capacity since 1981 as secretary of the Professional Footballers Association. In that role he has come to represent what is best in football: honest, straightforward and champion of a hundred worthy causes.

His childhood evokes rich memories, from the theatrical headmaster to bicycle trips down to Manchester from his home in Ashton-under-Lyne on the hunt for autographs. "You could tell the calibre of the team by the hotel they were staying in. The Arsenal were always in the posh Queens Hotel in Piccadilly, while many of the others could afford no more than a two-bit B and B."

As the reminiscences tumble out Taylor admits that there is some danger of wallowing in nostalgia. He recognizes the danger that too many worn, rose-tinted recollections may tend to undermine the game he represents today, riven as it is by sordid tales of on-the-film violence and hooliganism. He stops and checks himself: "There are still many good things in football, you know; kids today do collect autographs, clubs like Millwall are becoming part of the community and there is still some great football played."

He admits, however, to one significant area of change. "Heroes, we no longer seem to create heroes. Men such as Matthews, Edwards, Lofthouse, and Finney were idols to me. Not just because they were marvellous footballers, but also because they were great men. I was invited for a trial match at Preston in 1960. It was Tom Finney's last game and I was naught but a spotty schoolboy having a trial. Yet with the whole world clamouring for an interview Finney came out of the dressing room and chatted to us lads for a quarter of an hour. A real gentleman. Yet even in those days there were many who had their foibles. But the difference was we used to protect our sporting heroes then. Now we're just determined to show that they have feet of clay."



Upstanding: Taylor at six

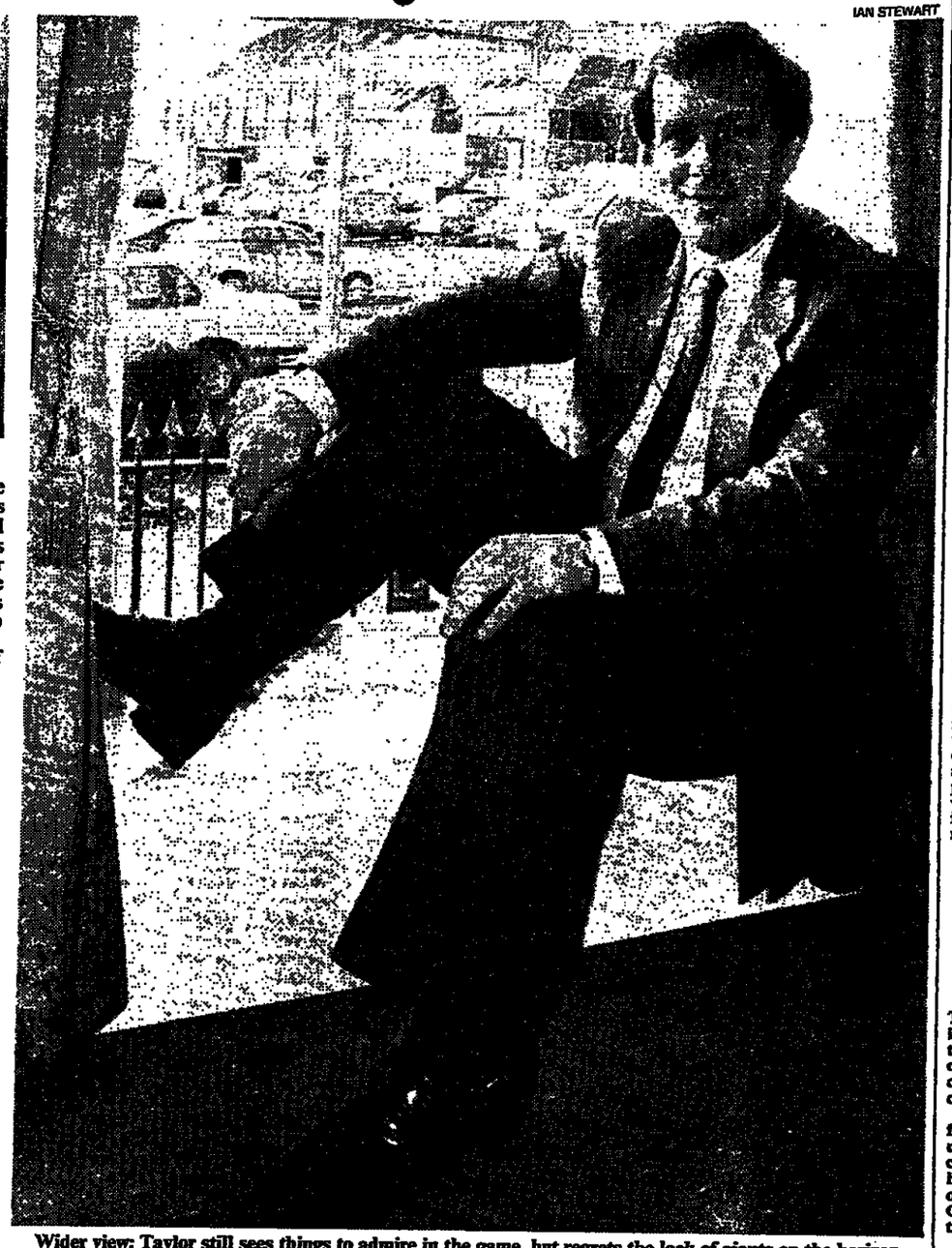
Footballing heroes were the stuff of young Gordon Taylor's dreams. Ever since his father, Alec, heaved him over the turnstiles at Burnden Park to watch Nat Lofthouse's Bolton trounce Portsmouth — "Jimmy Dickinson and all" — 5-0.

Taylor's love of football was inherited from his father, a railway worker, who used to kick an old rag ball about with his only son in the council house living room. "The cracks are still visible in the old toby jugs on the mantlepiece," Taylor says.

Out of doors it was a jackets-down-under-the-street-lights existence. Pell-mell football; all scuffed shoes and darting dribbles. Alec Taylor's piercing whistle from the doorstep as night fell would signal the end of the game. Taylor, a chunky, swerving inside forward, who banged in 97 goals one season for Hurst Westleyians, was soon spotted by the talent scouts. He was often in good company. "I remember going to Bolton when I was 17 and the lad before me came out of the manager's office with tears streaming down his face. He was about the same size as I was and I was shocked when he said: 'He's turned me down. He said I ought to think about becoming a jockey'. Yet Bolton took me on. The other kid? Oh, a lad by the name of Alan Ball."

Football was Taylor's passion, but his parents were sensible enough to insist that he could only sign for Bolton if he continued his studies. He did, passed his A levels and went on to take an external economics degree at London University.

IAN STEWART



Wider view: Taylor still sees things to admire in the game, but regrets the lack of giants on the horizon

Taylor admits that there are so many more distractions for youngsters these days. Even his head was turned slightly, though, by the emerging pop stars of the fifties. "Buddy Holly, Duane Eddy, the Everley Brothers, but none of their concerts could compare with a trip to Old Trafford."

It was there in 1964 that Taylor, just 19, had one of his proudest moments — Denis Law broke his nose. "He clattered me one. One of the all-time greats and he picked me out for the treatment. That was quite some compliment," Taylor says, chuckling.

"We thought we'd do all right that night because United were playing two unknowns on the wing. I'd come off with my broken nose and was having it patched up in the dressing room. I was desperate to get back on. Bill Ridding, the manager, came in. 'Don't trouble yourself lad. Stay where you are'."

"'Why, boss? I'm all right,' I pleaded. 'Let me go back on.'"

"'No way,' Bill said gruffly. 'To tell you the truth we're already 5-0 down, and it will look better if we've only got 10 men'."

One of the wingers, Willie Anderson, had got two of the goals. The other had already scored three. His name was George Best.

YACHTING

Organizers adopt tighter controls in challenge series

From Bob Ross, Sydney

Tighter crowd-control measures will be implemented for the second day of racing in the ANZ 12-metre Challenge, between crews led by Dennis Conner, of the United States, and Iain Murray, of Australia, on Sydney Harbour today.

Each crew won a race on the first day but the organizers have been criticized for their inept policing of spectator craft — many in power boats and loosely described as "Harbour hoons" in Sydney patois — and for not publicizing the designated areas for them.

The trailing yacht in each race was interfered with by the wash and physical proximity of spectator boats, notably powerful motor boats which chased the leader in mindless fashion. About half an hour before the start of the first race a spectator boat collided with Kookaburra III, skippered by Conner, and the impact broke off the starboard jumper strut. The start was delayed by 25 minutes.

A meeting initiated by Nick Greiner, the Premier of New South Wales, and attended by the Maritime Services Board (MSB), Water Police and Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, which is running the series, decided on new arrangements aimed at solving the major problem: staging an event that will give a sponsor mileage for its outlay of more than Aus$1 million (about £507,000) through intense public interest, but giving the players enough room to show their skills on the designated pitch.

Under the new measures, MSB fire tugs, which proved so effective on Australia Day, 1988, will help define the race area. Where necessary, crews aboard the tugs, will dampen the spirits of the most exuberant spectator with a shower of cold water.

An MSB helicopter will help identify possible trouble areas and large yachts will clearly define the turning points. Navy police will lend assistance to the MSB, police and volunteers. The MSB has laid distinctive marker buoys in the harbour to outline the course area.

Because of interference, the second points race was shortened and Murray declared the winner when he was 2min 31sec ahead of Conner. A further race was postponed until today for the same reason.

Conner said: "I have never raced in conditions like that before, but I do not think that either boat was disadvantaged. I don't treat that [the spectators] as an excuse for losing a race; but I think we were lucky to get through the racing without major damage."

Murray agreed with Conner, but said: "It would make a better race if spectators could be persuaded or educated to be where they should be."

Tampering with club tradition

By Malcolm McKeag

The future of one of yachting's institutions, the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club at Cowes, rests on the outcome of the latest culture-clash between commercial reality and genteel tradition.

In an arrangement kept secret from flag officers and members until concluded, the famous clubhouse and gardens, once the home of Rosa Lewis the Duchess of Duke Street and mistress of George V, have been bought by the developer, Crispin Lowe.

Lowe's Ancasta Group, in which James Gulliver has a major interest, has acquired Castle Rock Yachting, the company which owns and operates the premises on behalf of the club whose headquarters are at Burnham-on-Crouch.

Lowe's unconcealed intention is to make the club "more accessible" particularly to customers who buy boats, at anything between £30,000 and £100,000, from his Hamble-based Ancasta Marine.

According to Chris Gill, the Ancasta marketing director, the group's plans involve commercializing the club, broadening its membership and, inevitably, raising subscriptions. It is the new owner's aim of using the club to implement its own commercial policies which has met with such strong opposition.

"You cannot buy a Royal Yacht Club," Mike Patten, the commodore said. "Ancasta may have bought the Clubhouse — we still own and run the club."

Patten is particularly bitter about both the way the deal was concluded and the imputation of elitism. "In the past 15 years I can find no record of any application for membership being refused," he said.

Greater concern, however, is reserved for Ancasta's plans to turn the club into an organization like a country club or health farm. Such a change would almost certainly bring about the loss of the club's Royal warrant. "That," says Patten, "will happen over my dead body."

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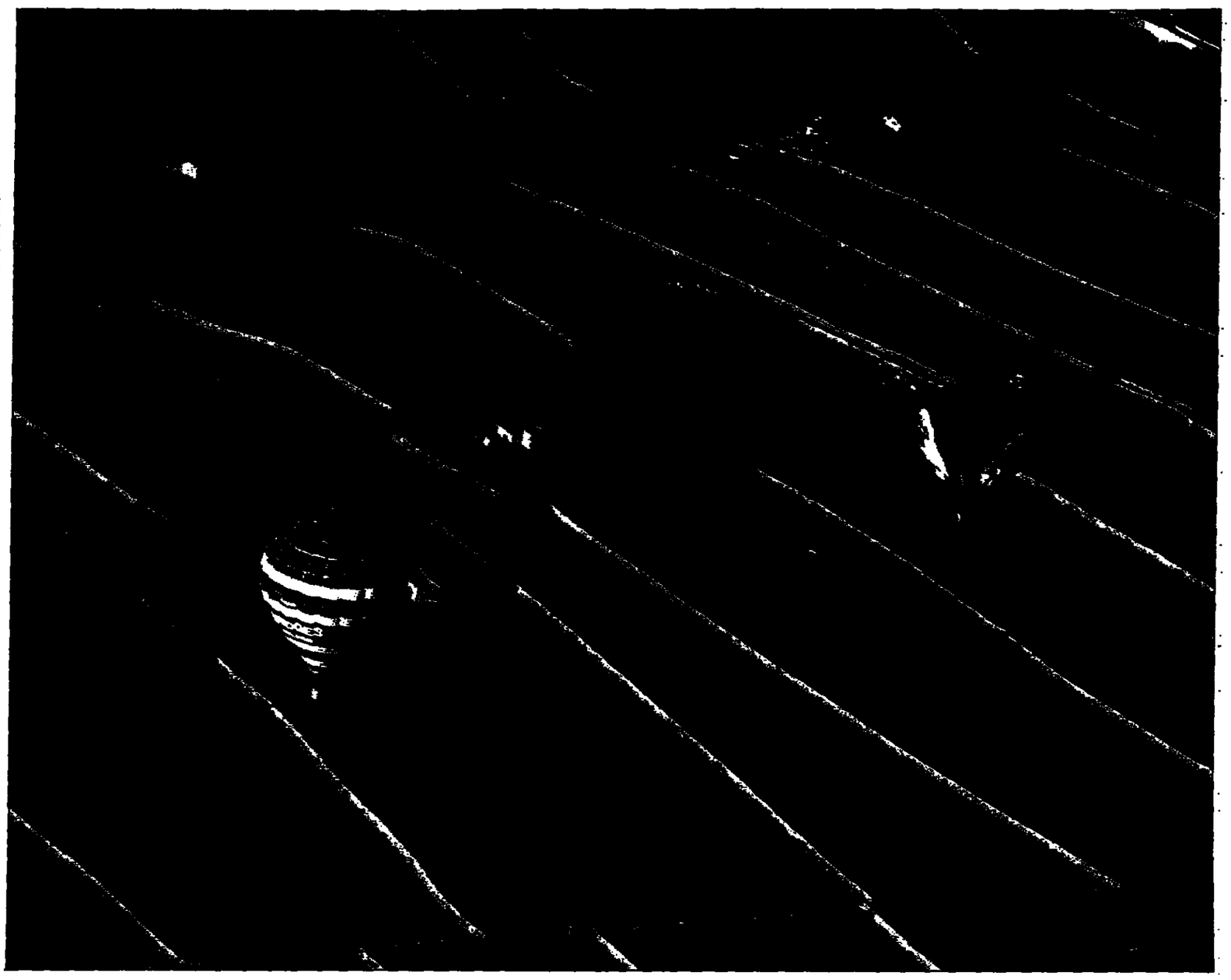
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OUTDOOR LEISURE

Majestically o'er hill and dale

From the cricket pitch of a grey stone farming village in North Yorkshire, Ronald Faux rises silently up, up and away with a clutch of hot-air enthusiasts



Green and pleasant land: floating across the ancient patchwork of fields and dry stone walls edging the river Wharfe, sounds from the earth are clearly audible — even the whisper of the river

In the Bluebell pub at Kettlewell, an eccentric intruder has shouldered into the normal bar-top talk of lamb prices, hill farm subsidies and the performance of Billy Lister's prize tup. Kettlewell is a gem, a grey stone farming village cradled in a Yorkshire dale. It is also the northern Mecca for hot air balloonists.

"Tha'll nivver get me up in one o' them beggars," says Joe, a sceptic, from beneath the rain-wrinkled neb of his cap. He seals the thought with a gulp of ale.

"You don't know what you're missing." Sam, a romantic, tells him. "It's as if the ground sinks away from under your feet and then someone starts cranking a big handle and the dale unrolls. You're standing still and it's the earth that moves."

"I'll give you cranking 'andles. How do you know where you're going to end up? That's what I want to know," Joe wags a finger. Romantics and sceptics rarely see eye to eye, especially in Kettlewell.

Outside the pub there are enough wickerwork baskets to start a laundry. They are parked on trailers, left in farmyards, and poke from the back doors of vans. In the dim light the copper coils of gas burners gleam sinisterly. At the bar of the Bluebell, Graham Turnbull of the G.T. Flying Club dispenses *bonhomie* and champagne, the traditional tipple of balloonists, and lectures his next day's clients on the joys of travelling by balloon. Joe mutters, without a trace of whimsy, that it's nowt but a load o' hot air.

> *'I was up to my armpits in pig muck before he stopped'*

"We could head in this direction," Turnbull says, stabbing a map. "On the other hand, it could be in this direction." He stabs the map somewhere else altogether. "Where the wind listeth," suggests a wistful young woman. "Exactly," says Turnbull.

He is a powerfully built man, larger than life, with a strong belief that his "students" should, above all else, enjoy themselves. There is nothing to fear so long as the wind does not blow up unexpectedly, and he is a shrewd judge of isobars. A safe return to earth can be almost guaranteed. "Last week he actually landed in the back of the truck that arrived to pick him up," a member of the retrieval team confides admiringly.

Balloon flights are not always predictable. Turnbull's worst moment was when he accidentally crossed the border from Austria into Hungary and spent two days in jail before he and his balloon were released. Another enthusiast recalled that her husband, a newly-fledged balloonist, had tried to escape a boisterous breeze by putting down in a field that had been freshly spread with pig manure. The basket fell on its side and became a giant scoop. "I was up to my armpits in pig muck before he got it to stop. The smell! We dashed home, burnt all our clothes and scrubbed ourselves with carbolic."

Next morning the Bluebell empties its bedrooms of tyro aviators, and everyone gathers on the village cricket field where the balloons are being inflated. The huge, colourful canopies are spread out at about mid-wicket, and cold air is fanned into them until the folds of material swell with pressure. A breath of bottled flame replaces the cold air, several hundred square feet of rip-stop nylon rise, and the baskets creak upright. Turnbull, the genie of the flame, invites his passengers to scramble aboard while the ground crew hold down the padded rim of the basket.

"Hands off!" he orders, and the ground crew step back. Another blast from the burner tips the scales, and the balloon becomes lighter than air and rises silently into the flow of a south-bound breeze.

Since the G.T. Flying Club began operating from Kettlewell six years ago, more than 5,000 people have been introduced to the gentle pleasures of ballooning by Turnbull and his fellow instructor-pilots. "A surprising number of people are given flights as presents. Others are seriously smitten, and take up flying themselves," he says.

Kettlewell is an ideal take-off point, Turnbull explains, being well sheltered and with a wind guaranteed to blow in one of two directions, either up the valley or down it. The scenery is superb in both directions, and on a crystal day the view from one mile up extends from coast to coast.

The rooftops of the village slide beneath the basket and the balloon drifts over the ancient patchwork of fields and dry stone walls edging the river Wharfe. Sounds from the earth are clearly audible; dogs barking, traffic rumbling down the dale, even the whisper of the river. The balloon is carried on the wind, and so creates no slipstream. The air around the basket remains perfectly still, and the occasional roar from the burner sends down a rush of warmth.

Below, the retrieval crew follow as best they can by road. Turnbull talks to them on the radio. At 2,000ft and out of the valley's shelter, the wind strengthens. The balloon gathers speed majestically over the countryside, bright and round as a boiled sweet. Behind, more balloons pop up from the valley. On a good day as many as six leave the cricket field, filled with romantics en route for the unknown on the listing wind.

Empty moorland spreads beneath our balloon. No one but sheep and a few lonely ramblers notice our passing.

This is not always the case — an outraged landowner once gave Turnbull's balloon both barrels when it appeared like some monstrous bird directly in front of the butts during a grouse shoot. "We don't talk about that," he says. "Most flights are uneventful. No more than a slow float over the landscape for an hour or so. It gives people a different perspective of the countryside."

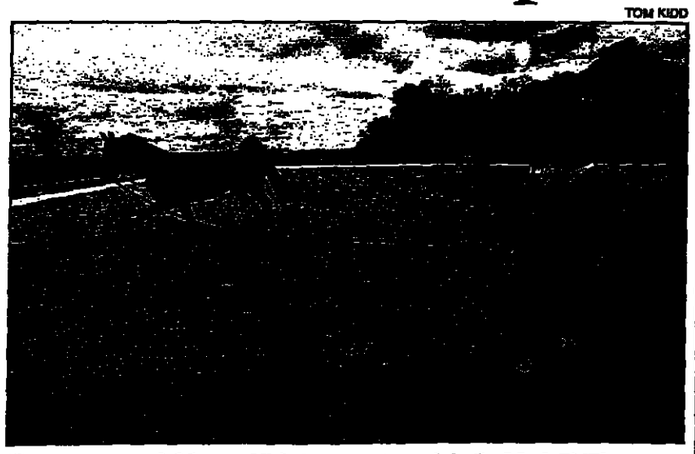
Below there are now fields, farmsteads and the retrieval truck zipping down a country lane to keep pace. Some judicious juggling with a valve releases hot air from the top of the envelope, and the balloon eases back to earth. The basket drifts at a stroll towards a gate leading on to a road. "Hold on, and nobody try to leave or we'll be off again," Turnbull orders. More hot air is dumped, so that the basket creaks to a halt on the grass. Minutes later the ground crew arrives to deflate the canopy, uncouple the basket and pack everything away. On the truck, the aeronauts are obliged to clamber into the basket again, heading for the first available pub.

Flights from Kettlewell are weather-dependent, operate daily from late March to mid December, and cost (including champagne) £70 per adult, half price for children under 12, with a 10 per cent discount for a party of 10 or more. Contact the G.T. Flying Club at Grassington, North Yorkshire BD23 5LR (telephone bookings to 0756 752937). Enquiries about ballooning may be addressed to the British Balloon and Airship Club, 122 Fazeley Street, Birmingham B5 5RT (021 643 3224), or the British Aeronauts Register (0761 62836).

Trail of the lonesome pine

Veronica Heath explores Gleneagles — on horseback

TOM KIDD



Horse sense: coach Magnus Nicholson gets to work in the Mark Phillips centre

A slight frost overnight has left the heather hoary white and sparkling, and there are patches where ling shows pink and eggshell-tinted among the purple. The only sound is the creak of my riding boots on the soft leather saddle. Here, in the heart of Scotland, we are riding like pioneers, with the blue haze of the Ochil mountains on the horizon, and a strong aromatic scent of pine and heather which hurts the lungs.

This is trail riding at the Gleneagles Mark Phillips Equestrian Centre, built, in the words of its founder, to provide "facilities for every discipline of horsemanship at every level of experience, and designed, laid out and finished to a standard which challenges the leading riding schools in the world". It is large enough to host international events, but we did not find it intimidating. Having explored Scotland on foot, my husband and I wanted to enjoy ourselves riding across peat and heather and marl; at Gleneagles, a network of trails has been laid through virgin terrain, perfect for half-day treks or all-day picnic rides.

Grouse occasionally erupt from the heather, and on our ride we saw three roe deer watching us from the shelter of a conifer belt of trees. "We want people to enjoy riding here," said our leader, Sheena, as we hacked quietly back to the stable complex. "It isn't everyone who wants to compete when they get into the saddle. Guests who come to the hotel find that a ride out here on the moors is a wonderful way to unwind."

I had filled the car with boots and breeches and hard hats, but I need not have bothered. Tack and clothing are all provided, and there are changing rooms and lockers to leave your belongings in while you ride, and showers to get rid of the sweat afterwards. After our hack we watched a Victor Ludorum Qualifier for show-jumping juniors, staged in the floodlit grand arena which seats 650 spectators. Later, I leant on the paddock rails to watch two small girls enjoying a lesson in one of the practice arenas.

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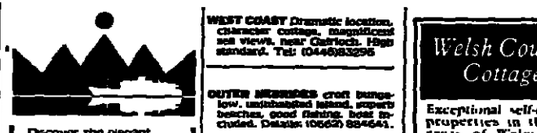
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Sky Movies leads the field

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Sky backs Britain

In a move which bodes well for the future of the British film industry, Sky Movies has acquired from Glinwood Films five movies currently in production by Jeremy Thomas, the award-winning British producer of the Last Emperor which won 9 Oscars.

In addition Sky Movies has bought the rights to "Erik The Viking", the latest creation from Monty Python man, Terry Jones, and John Cleese's latest film, for its British television premiere.

Erik The Viking , which is near completion at Shepperton Studios, is the story of a viking warrior who thought there must be more to life than rape and pillage.

Andrew Neil, executive chairman of Sky Television said, "Our deal with Glinwood is an example of Sky Television's commitment to the future of the British film industry."

What it will cost.

The two premium channels planned by Sky Channel will be electronically scrambled before the end of the year. Viewers of Sky Movies and The Disney Channel will need a decoder costing about fifty pounds to watch the films and family entertainment following a free preview period.

The scrambling system to be used will provide parents with complete control over their family's viewing. The subscription fee for BOTH channels together will be only £12 per month.

Survey results

A television survey conducted last week shows that spontaneous awareness of Sky Television was more than five times higher than for a competitive satellite company.

Without prompting, 43 per cent of adults were aware of Sky compared with just 8 per cent for our competitior. Awareness of the need for a satellite dish to receive Sky is exceptionally high at 87 per cent but the survey revealed that only 9 per cent are yet aware of the need for a set top receiver.

BSB blow

The Office of Fair Trading has declined to intervene in a dispute in which British Satellite Broadcasting accused Sky of misleading advertising.

Sky had pointed out that most viewers will need a new TV set to achieve any benefit from the MAC standard planned by BSB.

Leading trade magazine, Broadcast, said "The validity of BSB's complaints about Sky are by no means clear cut.

"Sky's advertisements are careful to address the inability of existing televisions and VCRs to cope with a MAC signal."

Olympic medallist to lead Eurosport.

Adrian Metcalfe, one of Britain's leading figures in sports television, is to be head of programmes at Eurosport. For the past seven years Metcalfe has been senior commissioning editor for sports and features at Channel 4. Apart from his wide experience in television sport, Adrian Metcalfe won an Olympic silver medal at the Tokyo Games.

On his appointment Metcalfe said "I am delighted by this challenge and look forward to establishing Eurosport as the world's leading all-sports channel, bringing the cream of events to a wide European audience.

Politics supremo

Adam Boulton is joining Sky News as Political Editor. Boulton will lead Sky News' political unit based at new studios in Westminster.

Boulton, a former BBC journalist, joins Sky from TV-am, where he was chief political editor.

"I intend to make Sky News' political coverage pre-eminent on British television" says Boulton. "I am delighted to join this long overdue 24 hour a day television news service."

Left meets Right on Sky News

Norman Tebbit and Austin Mitchell will be crossing swords on Sky News as hosts of a new evening current affairs programme "Sky Crossfire".

Tebbit, a former Tory party chairman, and Mitchell, a former TV newsman and now a Labour MP, will be co-hosts of the show, which goes on air in the first week of Sky's programming. In Sky Crossfire the two politicians will take turns to question a figure in the news from their own personal viewpoints.

Of his new job as a TV star Norman Tebbit said: "I am looking forward to trying my hand at being the predator rather than the prey." His sparring partner, Austin Mitchell, said: "It's going to be a nice guy, nasty guy routine. But it'll be up to the public to guess who is which."



Norman Tebbit "Predator"



Austin Mitchell Nice or nasty?

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